Names of Trustees.

Thos. F. Wald
Hobart M. Cable
Edward S. Hathaway
C. W. W. Wellington
Rev. Davis
— Gilbert
— Corcoran
— E. A. Nunning
E. M. Lancaster

Trustees
of the
Hyde Park Free Public Library.

1872.

Minutes of the Doings of the Board of Trustees of the Hyde Park Free Public Library.

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the "Hyde Park Free Public Library" after having been duly appointed as such by the Town Authorities, took place agreeably to notice given, at the residence of Rev. J. H. Gilbert, on the evening of Monday, July 15, 1872, at 8 o'clock — the following members being present, viz: T. D. Weld, Rev. P. B. Davis, H. M. Cable, Rev. J. H. Gilbert, and Rev. E. A. Manning.

The meeting was called to order at the hour designated, by Mr. Weld, who was thereupon chosen temporary Chairman, & Rev. Mr. Manning Secretary pro tem.; and on motion, it was voted to proceed to effect the permanent organization of the Board, by balloting for a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The ballots for these officers having been cast, it was found that the following had been elected:—

First Meeting.

Officers of the Board:—

Theodore D. Weld, President.

Edward A. Manning, Secretary.

Edward S. Hathaway, Treasurer.

On motion, Hobart M. Cable was chosen auditor of the Board.

Rev. Mr. Davis, Treasurer of the Library Committee of the Town of Hyde Park, presented and read his report, which was referred to the auditor

The resignation of Mrs. Hunt, as one of the Board of Trustees, having been announced by the chairman, C. W. W. Wellington was chosen by ballot to fill her place

The President and Secretary were on motion, appointed a committee to report upon the question of locating the rooms of the Library; and the President, in connection with Messrs. Gilbert and Cable, was appointed a committee to inquire in reference to the Select Library understood to be for sale in Newton

The President agreed to assume the responsibility of calling upon delinquent subscribers

to the Library Fund for the payment of their subscriptions; and also to solicit the payment of the arrearage ticket money from subscribers in Fairmount. Mr. Cable proposed also calling for the same purpose on subscribers for return tickets living west of the Providence Rail Road Station

On motion, it was

Voted, That three members of the Board at any regular meeting thereof, shall constitute a quorum — exclusive of the Chairman

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday evening, the 20th at the same place, at 8 o'clock.

E. A. Manning, Sec.

Saturday, July 20, 1872.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, at the house of Rev. mr. Gilbert, at 8 o'clock — present, the chairman, messrs. Hathaway and Cable, Rev. mr. Gilbert, & the Secretary.

On calling the members to order, the records of the last session were read, & on motion approved.

The Committee on location of the Library, thro' the chair, reported that they had ascertained commodious apartments could be secured for the purposes needed in the new building about to be erected by Mr. Comer, on the corner of River Strut & Hyde Park Avenue. The report was accepted, & the Committee continued

(The Secretary being compelled to leave, mr. Hathaway was chosen Secretary pro tem)

The Committee on the Library understood to be for sale in the town of Newton, reported progress, & was continued

The meeting on motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman

(Signed)

E. S. Hathaway,
Sec. pro tem.

Thursday, Sep. 12, 1872.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Board met at the house of Rev. Mr. Gilbert, on the evening of Sep. 12th, & was called to order by the Chair at 7 o'clock. Present, Messrs. Hathaway & Wellington, & Revs. Gilbert, Davis, Corcoran, & the Secretary

The minutes of the previous meeting, on being read, were on motion approved.

The Committee on location of the Library, reported further, that they had learned from Mr. Connor, that the town could be accommodated with such apartments in his proposed new building on corner of River St. & Hyde Park Avenue, as could be included in the second story thereof, within 45 X 25 or 30 feet area, and that Mr. C. had named the very reasonable sum of $300. for the annual rental, on a lease for as long a time as should be desired on those terms. On motion, the proposition of Mr. Connor was accepted

The Committee on the Newton Library, reported further that they deemed it inexpedient to attempt the purchase of this collection by the Board. & the report was accepted & the Committee discharged

The Chair presented & read a letter from Mr. Samuel Thurber, announcing a donation by him of some thirty-five (35) volumes to the Hyde Park Free Public Library, and also a letter from the father of Mr. T. conveying the gratifying intelligence that he had supplemented the valuable gift of his son by donating twenty-four (24) volumes from his own collection, for

the same purpose. The voluntary & prompt & pression y the thanks y the Trustees to these public spirited gentlemen for their magnanimity in thus aiding their efforts, which the Chairman had given in behalf y the Board, was on motion unanimously & cordially endorsed by the members present

It was also, on motion, voted that the Secretary be requested to convey to the widow of the late Alanson Hawley Esq. the very deep sincere y gratitude cherished by the Trustees not only, but by the citizens y Hyde Park, for her husband's highly valued gift y books to our Library.

The Chairman y the Board communicated at length the results y his personal inquiries during the interval since our last meeting, in regard to the best means y inaugurating the enterprise in which we are engaged, by the purchase y books and the most systematized method y administering our Library affairs at their inception & during its future history. — After free & protracted conference over the information furnished by the chair to the members, which was y the most vital importance, as it was deemed, to the present stage y their work, it was, on motion,

Voted, that our Chairman be requested to employ Mr. F. B. Perkins, y Boston, as the purchasing Agent y the Trustees y the Hyde Park Free Public Library, at a commission y 5 per cent. on money expended by him on the

order of the Trustees — the said Mr. Perkins to use his best judgment in watching for opportunities to benefit our institution through the general and special trade sales of the book market, for the remuneration named above

It was also, on motion, voted, thro' the Chair, to request Mr. Perkins above mentioned, to furnish this Board a list of such books as in his judgment would be best to be introduced into our library at the outset of its history, aggregating in cost the sum of $3,000.

On motion, Voted that our Chairman procure for the use of the Trustees copies of the work entitled, "Best Reading", of Putnam's "Handy Reading Series," to aid them in selecting volumes for the Library.

The Chair, with Rev. Mr. Corcoran, was appointed a Committee to provide a place of deposit for the volumes now on hand and as they may accumulate from time to time, & report thereon at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting then, on motion, adjourned, to re-assemble at the call of the Chair.

E. A. Manning, Sec.

Monday Evening, Sep. 16, 72.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Board convened at the house of Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Monday Evening, Sep. 16, at 7 o'clk. & was called to order by the chair. Present, Rev's. Mr. Davis & Gilbert, Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Wellington, & the Secretary

On reading the minutes of the last meeting they were voted approved

The Committee on providing a place of deposit for the books as they shall be procured, reported progress, & was continued, with the addition of the Secretary thereto, & power was given them to secure a depository for such volumes as shall be obtained

Propositions were made for the office of librarian from Mr. W. W. Starr, Miss Eva Doe, Miss Nightingale, Miss Jones, Mrs. Daniels, & Miss Whittlesey.

The balance of the session was spent in conference with Mr. Perkins, the purchasing agent elect of the Board, in regard to the character of the first investments to be made in providing the Association with books; and at 9½ P.M. the Board adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday Evening, the 23d inst, at 7 o'clk.

E. A. Manning,
Sec.

Monday Evening, Sep. 23d, 1872

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, at the house of Rev. Mr. Gilbert, on Monday Evening Sept. 23, at 7 o'clock, & was called to order by the Chairman at that hour. Present: Messrs. Gilbert, Davis, Hathaway, Wellington, Cable, and Lancaster

The Secretary being absent, C. H. H. Wellington was chosen Secretary pro tem

The Committee appointed to provide for the temporary storage of the books for the Library, &c. reported through the Chairman, that they had leased two of the front rooms in the Everett House for that purpose, at $10 per month, Commencing Sep. 23, 1872.

The following by-law was proposed, & on motion adopted, to wit: "No book shall be admitted into the Library, or, being admitted, shall be allowed to remain, to which three members of the Board shall object"

On motion, it was Voted, That each member of the Board furnish a Chair for the rooms at the Everett House; and it was also Voted, That the same Committee for providing rooms for temporary storage, furnish the same as shall be found necessary

The business of selecting books was then proceeded with until adjournment — which was on motion, voted to be till Monday Evening, the 30th inst. at the same place.

(Signed) C. H. H. Wellington
Sec. pro tem.

Monday Evening, Sep. 30, 72

The Board convened according to adjournment, at the house of Rev. Mr. Gilbert on the evening of Monday, Sep. 30, at 7 o'clock, & was called to order by the Chair — present, Mrs. Hathaway, Bellington, Lancaster, Davis, Gilbert, Corcoran, and the Secretary.

The minutes of Monday Evening (Sep. 16) were read, & after slight amendment, were approved; — and also those of the 23d, after reading & amending, were approved, on motion in each instance.

The name of Mrs. Lydia B. Pickett was presented as one of the candidates before the Board for the post of Librarian, and Misses Maria and Fanny Egan also.

It was moved that in making selections of books, the Board first act upon the collected works of standard authors — the motion was adopted, & the members accordingly proceeded to act in this order. After having gone over the list before them in this category, the members on motion took up the list of Young Peoples Books

(The Secretary being obliged to leave, Mr. Hathaway was chosen Secretary pro tem.)

After having completed the selection of volumes from the last named list, the Board on motion adjourned for two weeks, to meet at the expiration of this time at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis

(Signed) E. S. Hathaway,
Sec. pro tem

Monday Evening, Oct. 14, 72

The members of the Board convened at the residence of Rev. Mr. Davis, on the evening of October 14th, pursuant to adjournment, at 7½ o'clock, and was called to order by the Chair.

Present, messrs. Wellington, Davis, Manning, Hathaway, Gilbert, [illegible]

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, & on motion, approved.

The name of Chas. C. Tower was proposed as candidate for the post of Librarian

The Committee on place of temporary storage, &c. reported progress in the matter of furnishing the rooms, & their report was, on motion, accepted - and also the report of this committee on the evening of Sep. 23d, 72, as to terms on which the rooms have been leased

The Board proceeded with selections from the Classified List of Modern Publications, until the hour of adjourning, which was, on motion, voted to be until Monday Evening, Oct. 21st, at the same place of this evening's gathering.

E. A. Manning,
Sec'y.

Monday Evening, Oct. 21, 72

The Board met this (Monday) Evening, pursuant to adjournment - but no quorum being present, it was voted to adjourn to Nov. 4th at same time and place

E. A. Hathaway, Sec. p. tem

Monday Evening, Nov. 4, 1872

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis, at 7½ o'clock – present, the Chairman and Messrs. Davis, Corcoran, Lancaster and Hathaway

The Secretary being absent, Mr. Hathaway was chosen Secretary pro tem.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to procure the records of the meeting which appointed the present Board of Trustees, and incorporate them as a part of its records.

It was also, on motion,

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to effect insurance on the books in store at the Everett House

The Board then proceeded in the work of making selections from the book list until the hour of 10 o'clock, at which point it was agreed to adjourn to meet on Thursday Evening at 7½ o'clock, at the same place –

E. A. Manning, Sec.

Thursday Evening, Nov. 7, 1872

The Board assembled according to adjournment, at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis, on Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock — present, the Chairman and Messrs. Davis, Corcoran, Hathaway and the Secretary.

The Chairman, as Committee on insuring the stock of books purchased by the Board for the Library, reported that he had secured insurance through Col. H. A. Darling, agent, on books belonging to the Library to the amount of Two thousand dollars ($2,000.) to take effect at 12 o'clock M. this day (Nov. 7, 1872.) — and on motion, his report was accepted.

The members continued the work of making selections, finishing the list in hand at about 10 of the clock.

It was then, on motion,

Voted, That Messrs. Corcoran and Hathaway, with the Chairman, be a committee to consider and report upon some general plan for administering the affairs of the Library, including the cataloguing & shelving of the books, the duties of the Librarian, the hours for opening & closing the Library, compensation of Librarian, &c. &c.

On motion, it was voted to adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair.

E. A. Manning,
Sec.

Monday Evening, Jan. 20, 1873.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the residence of Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Monday Evening, Jan. 20th, & was called to order at 7½ o'clock.

Present, the Chairman, Rev. messrs. Gilbert, Davis, & Corcoran, & messrs. Hathaway, Wellington, Cable & Lancaster

The subject of a lecture by Mr. Bartholomew having been introduced, it was on motion

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Chairman, with full powers

The following names were added to the list of those already proposed for the post of Librarian, viz: Joseph Ahlback, Mary A. Hawley, Mrs. Wm Green, & Mrs. Julia Clary

Mr. Blake, the proprietor of the rooms which had been rented for the storage of the books already secured for the Library, having signified his desire for their removal, it was

Voted That the Committee on Rooms attend to procuring a suitable place for their removal

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting being in order, said report was read, & on motion the same was accepted.

It was then, on motion,

Voted To take up the Articles in the report in order, & that they be acted upon separately for adoption or rejection

On reading Article 1st, it was amended as to time, so as to read "from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9",

and "Except Sundays and legal holidays;" and so amended, was adopted

Article 2d was amended so as to read, "residents of Hyde Park over 12 years of age;" and was adopted,

Article 3d, as amended, was also adopted; and pending the consideration farther of the matter, the board adjourned to meet at the same place & hour next 27th

E. A. Manning, Sec.

January 27th, 1873.

The Board met according to adjournment, at the time & place agreed upon, and was called to order by the Chairman, a quorum being present.

At the request of the chair, Hon. Mr. Davis acted as chairman pro tem

The records of the last meeting were read & approved

The Secretary was requested to procure from Mr. Cable, a member of the Board, & secretary of the original Board, for the records of the origin of this Board of Trustees.

The remaining articles in the code of regulations were then taken up & after due consideration & amendment, were adopted, and the Chairman and Secretary were empowered to arrange the report of the Committee as finally adopted.

On motion, adjourned till a fortnight.

E A Manning
Sec.

Monday Evening
Feby 10th, 1873.

According to adjournment a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at the House of Rev. Mr. Gilbert. Present Messrs Weld Gilbert Davis - Cable - & Lancaster.

The Secy being absent Mr. Lancaster was appointed Secy Pro Tem. The minutes of the last meeting not being at hand could not be read.

The names of Miss Ella S. Merrill and Mrs Eugene S. Barnes were proposed as candidates for Librarian.

A motion was made by Mr. Lancaster that the vote passed at a previous meeting inviting Mr. Bartholomew to deliver a public lecture for the benefit of the Library be rescinded. Owing to the lateness of the season and other reasons it seemed best to the members present to postpone to another season all consideration of Lectures for the benefit of the Library - and the motion to reconsider prevailed. A motion by Mr. Gilbert to rescind was made, seconded and carried.

Mr. Weld Chairman of a Sub-Committee appointed with power to find a suitable place to which to remove the Library books for storage

and to supervise the removal of the same, Reported for the Committee - that a room had been secured in Cobb's Block and the books safely removed to the same, and the necessary action had been taken to keep good the Policy of Insurance.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of a Report to the Town at the next Annual Meeting - Reported - that no action seems advisable at present.

The Chairman communicated to the Board the offer of C. Henry Adams to paint without charge such signs as may be needed for Library purposes. Voted to accept such offer and to return to Mr Adams the thanks of the Board.

Mr. Davis moved the addition of the following By Law - to wit inserted in an appropriate place - to wit -

"No person except the Librarian or Trustees shall be permitted to take any book from the shelves of the Library, or go behind the railing."

Seconded & Carried.

Also moved by the same member that "Persons taking books for use in the Library shall be required to return the same to the Librarian before leaving the hall.

over

Motion seconded & carried.

Voted to adjourn at the call of the Chairman.

(signed) E. M. Lancaster
Secy Pro-tem.

E.S.H.

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which was on motion of Mr. Davis

be presented at the

to the Board and
back to the Chairman
with power to make
if any
as may to them seem

motion voted That the Chairman

E. S. Hathaway Sec'y

Hardware Evening.
May 14th 1873.

The Board met at the call of the Chairman at the house of Mr. Hardware. Present Wyllis Hall, Thos. Hall and Caleb Lancaster & Hatton.

The principal business before the Board was the matter of Bonds to the County. After hearing a statement from Mr. Hall as to the position of matters in regard to the Connor & Hall road and the liability of the work being executed immediately and finished thereon to completion on motion of Mr. Caleb it was

Vote to procure Bond with Surety from Connor

Ordered That one procure from Mr. Connor a Bond for $300 to put the building in condition to receive the books of the Library by the first day of October next and if work is not commenced within that time from the date the Board reserve the right to withdraw from the further prosecution of the arrangement.

Committee to procure same

On motion of Mr. Lancaster Messrs Caleb Lancaster, Hall & Hatton were appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Connor upon the subject of the execution of said Bond.

The next business before the meeting was the election of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Mr. Hardware,

Election of Member to fill vacancy in Board

[illegible] the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Commerce [illegible] the Board of Directors [illegible] Mr. Hathaway moved a resolution that a ballot be taken to elect a Director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Lamont. Mr. Hathaway moved that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast a ballot for the election of Mr. Lamont. The motion was carried and the ballot was cast accordingly.

P. W. Hunter elected

The Secretary reported that he had cast a ballot for Mr. P. W. Hunter and that Mr. P. W. Hunter had received five votes and Mr. F. H. Hudson one. The motion of Mr. Hall that the vote be made unanimous was carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned.

Monday Evening
July 7th 1873

The Board met at the call of the Chairman at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis - Present Messrs Weld - Davis - Gilbert - Cable - Hathaway. The records of the last meeting were read and approved The Chairman announced that the principal business before the meeting was the report of the Committee to whom was referred the matter of obtaining a Bond from Mr. Connor for the completion of the Libary Room.

Report of Comm. to procure Bond from Connor

Mr. Weld Chairman of that Committee reported that after repeated promises from ~~Mr~~ Connor to give the required bond he had finally declined to give a bond with surety but would give his individual bond if the Committee so required. After considerable discussion on the matter it was voted to instruct the Committee to waive the matter of the Bond - also that inasmuch as work had been resumed on the building with every prospect of a speedy completion the Com-

mittee be instructed to tell Mr. Connor that if the Rooms are in readiness for our occupancy by the first day of November next the Board will be satisfied.

The name of Mr. John Vose was proposed as a candidate for Librarian.

On motion adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

E. S. Hathaway Sec'y

Tuesday Evening.
Sept. 9th, 1873.

The Board met according to call at the House of Rev. Mr. Gilbert.

Present Messrs. Wild - Gilbert - Davis - Cochran - Cable - Lancaster - Willington - Hathaway.

On motion of Mr. Davis it was

Voted — "that Article First of the By Laws be so amended as to make the Library Hours from 2 to 5½ & from 6½ to 9 P.M.

Amendment of Art 1

Moved by Mr. Gilbert that Article Third of the By-Laws by inserting the clause "from the Librarian" be so amended

Amendment Art 3

"Every borrower will receive from the Librarian &c. Seconded & carried.

Voted that all applicants for the position of Librarian be requested

to meet the Committee next Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the School Committee Room.

Sub Committee to furnish &c.

Voted that Mssrs Wild, Hathaway, & Corcoran be appointed a Committee with power to arange - fit up - & furnish the Libary Room - to procure all needed stamps, blanks, and other appliances necessary for the working of the Libary, and to transact any other business incident to putting the Libary in complete working order.

Pay of Librarian

Voted that the salary of the Librarian be fixed at Three Hundred Dollars

Candidates

The names of Miss Brown - Miss Leila Perry - Miss Helen Perry - Miss Emily Halpin - & Mr. Wm E. Foster were submitted as candidates for Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Cable the Board adjourned to meet at the School Committee Room next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

E. S. Hathaway
Secy.

Mr. Tower 3 - Turner - Miss Hawley 5 - Mr. Turner 2 - and Miss Hawley was declared the second choice of the Board.

[illegible] between Hyde Park & Boston for the [illegible]

[illegible]

A list of books donated to the Library by individuals was presented for examination. On motion Voted that a sub-committee of three be appointed to examine the gift books and report to the full Board. Messrs Gilbert Husted & Davis were chosen as that committee.

Gift Books

A list of Magazines and papers furnished by Mr. Perkins was presented and on [illegible] made by him to procure any list the Board might select at a discount of 20%. Voted to instruct Mr. Perkins to procure the following

Magazines

list of Magazines & Papers on the terms proposed by them viz-

Atlantic	Nation
Harpers	Scientific American
Scribners	Health & Home
Galaxy	Harpers Weekly
Old & New	N.Y. Semi Weekly Tribune
Popular Science Monthly	Boston Daily Globe.
Littells Living Age	
Eclectic	
Overland Monthly	
Catholic World	
(Overland's Juvenile)	
St. Nicholas "	

Auditor

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the choice of Auditor was overlooked at the choice of Officers for the year and Mr. R. W. Hustled was chosen Auditor for the current year

A proposition from Mr Perkins was submitted offering to furnish bound volumes of Old & New from the beginning of its publication for ——— per vol. Voted that we purchase the volumes on the terms offered by Mr Perkins.

Approval

The Treasurer presented bills to the amount of $334.59 for approval and the Chairman was authorized to approve the same.

On motion Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

E. S. Hathaway
Secretary

Hyde Park

Met at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis. Present Messrs Weld, Gilbert, Carman, Davis, Nelsington & Hathaways & Husted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved. On motion

Voted - that the sub committee on examination of gift books be continued.

Voted that the salary of the Librarian be fixed at Four hundred Dollars from Janj 1st 1874.

Voted that the Sub Committee on rooms be authorized to procure the services of janitor and arrange the price to be paid.

Voted - that the Treasurer be authorized to advance two hundred & fifty Dollars on account of the printing bill on satisfactory security.

Voted that the Chairman of the Board be invited to deliver the inaugural address on the occasion of the opening of the Library.

Voted - that Mr. F. B. Perkins be asked to assist in the services on the occasion of the public opening.

Voted that all details connected with the public opening of the Library be referred to the existing Sub Committee

(See Supplementary Record on the other side page)

Don motion Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

E. S. Hathaway Secy

Taunton

Feby 17th 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held at the house of Rev. Mr. Davis to see what action if any was desirable in regard to selling the catalogue instead of giving them away.

It was found on examination that the town adopted the report of the Board in which it was recommended that the town furnish a copy of the catalogue free to the head of every family on their application to the Librarian, consequently the Board could take no action with ~~the~~ ~~matter~~

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway Secy

Supplementary Record of Meeting held
1874

The By Laws as altered by said Committee then came up for action and with slight variations were adopted seriatim and then as a whole

(see printed copy in back of this book the original ~~draft~~ is filed among the papers of the Library in the care of the secretary.

E. S. H. Sec'y

Hyde Park March 3/74

The Public Services connected with the opening of the Library were held in Vermont Hall this evening. The hall was filled to repletion. The accompanying order of exercises was carried out to the apparent satisfaction and edification of the large audience assembled.

The Library opens its doors to the public to morrow March 4th at 2 o'clock P. M.

E. S. Hathaway Sec

NEPONSET HALL, ... HYDE PARK.

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3.

INAUGURAL EXERCISES

OF THE

Hyde Park Public Library.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1.—Invocation, by Rev. I. H. Gilbert.

2.—Music. "Keller's American Hymn." Hyde Park Chorus Club.

3.—Introductory Remarks.

4.—Inaugural Address, by Theodore D. Weld.

5.—Music. "Star Spangled Banner." Hyde Park Chorus Club.

6.—Address. "The Reciprocal Relations of the Library Authorities and the Citizens of the Town." By F. B. Perkins, late Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society.

7.—Poem. Composed for the occasion by Miss E. A. Starr. Read by Rev. W. J. Corcoran.

8.—Singing. "America." Chorus Club and audience.

9.—Benediction, by Rev. P. B. Davis.

Board Meeting

Present: The Committee of Directors, Library Committee and Librarian.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Bills were examined, approved for payment and ordered to the Auditor of the Town.

Mr. Jones was appointed Janitor, pro tem, until further notice.

Voted, not to permit the taking of books from the Library by non-residents of the Town.

Voted, that the "Hall use" of the Library be suspended during the summer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Adjourned.

Frances E. Williams.
Secretary.

Monday Evening June 8/74

Regular Monthly Meting.

Present the Chairman & Messrs Davis Corcoran Wellington & Hathaway.

Mr. Hathaway was chosen Secy. pro tem. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The following bills were presented and approved by the Board viz. Clary & Ryan $5.00, Miss Hawley (services) $28.50 – Feehan (janitor) $13.28 –

Bills approved

A communication from the Librarian was received and in accordance with recommendations therein made it was

Voted – That the rule restricting the issue of Library Cards to certain specified days be rescinded the occasion which gave rise to its adoption having passed away.

Voted That the matter of obtaining a new supply of Library Cards be referred to the Chairman with power.

Voted – That the matter of procuring new covers be referred to the Chairman & Librarian.

Voted – That the Boards interpretation of the by-law relating to fines be, that in case of loss of a book the fine of two cents a day be continued till the book is replaced.

Fines — The sum of $4.85 was received from the Librarian for fines incurred & paid.

Janitor — Mr. Boyd appeared on behalf of the Selectmen with a letter from Mr. Furbush the janitor and a request that the Library Board appoint some member to confer with them on the matter. Mr. Corcoran was chosen to represent the Board.

Voted — That in case of the absence of the Librarian he be looked to to provide a substitute on the terms fixed by the Board. (See vote of March 10th)

Voted — That the Autobiography of John Stuart Mill be placed in the Library on application of Henry Giles. David Elginbrod — Robert Faulkner, — The Vicar's Daughter — Malcolm — on application of Mrs H. P. Staarbuck —

Report of Committee — Mr. Corcoran for the Committee on examination of gift books reported that in the list of books submitted they find none objectionable. Report accepted and books admitted. The same Committee was continued.

The balance of applications for books were laid on the table.

Adjourned to Tuesday Evening June 16th at 8 o'clock.

E. S. Hathaway
Secy pro tem

= Special Meeting = June 16th 1874

The Library Board met Tuesday Eve'g
Present: Chairman, Sec'y Messrs. Nott,
Lancaster + Gilbert

The Records of the last meeting were
read + approved.

Rev. Wm. Gilbert from the Com^tee on Lib^y
Books asked for further time, + at his
suggestion, it was voted that the books be
transferred to the new Com^tee, Mr. Nott
chairman.

Voted that Sundays + holidays be included in
the fourteen - 14 - days allowed for books.

Fifty volumes were then ordered to be pur-
chased for the Library, each book being
voted on separately.

Adjourned.

Francis C. Williams
Sec'y.

The meeting above recorded was in
place of the Regular Meeting called
for

A Special Meeting
of the Library Board, was held
Friday, July 17th, at 4.06. P.M.
Present: Prest. Tee & Messrs Hathaway
& Gilbert.

The Records of the last Meeting were
read & accepted.

The Com.te on Gift Books [illegible] about,
no report was rec.d.

At the Librarian's Request, all the
temporary restrictions made at the opening
of the Library on account of the crowd were
removed, & the general rules only put in
force. The case of a boy who has taken
out a book, which he stole, was burned in re-
gard to Block, & which he is unable to replace
was passed over without action.

The Librarian was authorized to have
certain books bound.

One hundred & five - 105 - books were ordered
to be bought for the Library at the suggestion
of the Librarian, & ten - 10 - on application
of individuals - several being rejected
on account of price or other reasons.

Adjourned
Francis G. Williams
Tee.

The within above record has in Effect the
Minute-Minute called for July 13th at 4 P.M.
only as Pres. Tee, & the Library was closed
no Quorum.

Bills examined & approved, Oct. 12th 1874

W. E. Foster: Sundries	3.94
" " " Salary July 29 - Oct. 1st.	70.00
" " " 142 extra hours	23.56
Jackson, Sale & Co.	26.30
P. O. Box.	1.35
W. A. Hawley: copying	4.00
J. Feehan:	8.57
Goldfield & Mosely: printing	8.75

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Oct. 12.

Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library [illegible]

[illegible] Present: Messrs Davis, Hall, Lancaster.

Mr. Lancaster was chosen to act as pro tem Secretary of the Board in the absence of the Secretary.

Voted: That the amount of bills presented & to be presented be made a matter of Record.

Voted to amend the 9th Rule by substituting the words "in favor of" the members present" for the words "three", was taken up & accepted by Mr. Lancaster. Discussion was continued on the question of the early opening movement.

Voted: to amend by inserting the word "hours" after "Board" & before "shall".

The original motion as amended prevailed.

The subject of A. J. Davis' notice was taken up & discussed.

Voted: To accept the gift of

The Harbinger of Peace

" Book of Wise Words

" Letters & Letter Writing

" Answers to Familiar Questions.

" Letter to the Young Men

" Great Thoughts

" Abbotsford

" Life of the Rose

" Embroidery

Will purchase the following books.

Sources of Standard English	1.50
Primitive Culture	2.50
Doctrine of Evolution	1.00
Home, How to make them	2.00
Sands of Africa	4.00
Principles of Mental Philosophy	3.00
Sacred Anthology	4.00
Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada	2.00
Hikes, Sheridan & Fox	2.00
Across America	2.00
Memoirs of J. Q. Adams	2.50
Life of B. Franklin	2.50
Hist. of England 1830–1874	2.50
Jean de Biron	2.25
Bancroft vol. X.	2.50
Parkman's F. & In. in America vol IV.	2.50
Curtius' Greece vols IV & V. @ 2.50	5.00
Yacht Club Series vol. IV.	1.25
B. O. W. C. Series vols. V & VI. @ 1.25	2.50
Winthrop, any vol	1.50
Clarke's Girlhood of Shaks' heroines. vol II.	2.00

Board Meeting. (continued)

Voted, to reject:

"Morning Lectures" &
"The autobiography of A.T. Stewart."

Moved: by Mr. Bolt, That no minor be allowed to take A.T. Stewart's work out of the Library without a written request from parent or guardian - action postponed to next meeting.

Voted: That a list of all books to be purchased at the time of the stock taking of the Library, but not actually in stock, be handed in by the Librarian at the next meeting.

Moved: by Mr. Hathaway, as art: 5th, that "the Regulations may be amended, "or added to, by vote of two thirds of "the members present at any regular "meeting: provided: that such "change be given at least one meeting "previous. action postponed.

Voted: That Henry Holmes & Co's proposition to mend books at 33 1/3 per cent discount be accepted, that the Librarian be instructed to act for the Board in closing the contract.

E. Innes Secretary pro tem.

Approved:
Chas. Hamish Williams.
Pres.

Bills approved - Nov. 9th -

Ward & Gay	9.15
J. Perkins	17.71
Jackson, Davis & Co.	26.50
W. E. Foster	4.27
W. E. Foster	6.10
Noyes, Holmes & Co.	2.92

Books accepted as donations.

The great Harmonia I. II. III. V. — Works of A. J. Davis, & the gift of a E. Giles.
Nature's Divine Revelations
Diakka
Harmonial Man
Free thoughts
Life of a Physician
Philosophy of spiritual Intercourse.
" " Special Providences.
Arabula: or Divine Guest.

Books ordered & to be purchased:
"Athenæum" in addition to the "Eclectic"
Mrs. Jameson's Works. 10 vols.
Holmes' Songs of many seasons 1. "
Harpel Blossoms. Whittier. 1. "
Arctic Experiences. Blake. (Polaris) 1.
History of Germany. Lives. 1.
Decorative Design. Dresser. 1.
History of art D'Annes 1.
" " Boston. Shuttleff 1.
Sumner Memorial 1.
Mendelssohn: Von Glenn, Hans. Heller. 1.
Pub. Documents. I. II. IV. V 4.

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V. O. The trustees of the N. T. Pub. Library held their regular monthly meeting, at the Library, Monday Eve'g Jan. 6th at 7½ o'clock. Present, the Chairman & Secretary, & Messrs Lane, Pettingill, Holt, & Hinman. The records of the last meeting were read & allowed.

A communication from Mr. F. B. Perkins containing a gift to the Library was read, & the Sec'y was directed suitably acknowledge the same.

The resignation of Miss Barker as assistant Librarian was received & accepted, & the Sec'y was directed to communicate to Miss B. the thanks of the Trustees for her faithful & satisfactory services.

Miss L. A. Jones was appointed by the Trustees to fill the vacancy made vacant by Miss Barker's resignation.

After examining the motion of Mr. Holt to have read the last meeting was negatived & the records were approved.

Sixty Eight books were ordered purchased, fourteen volumes of A. G. Davis's works were accepted as donations from Mr. E. A. Ellis. & one vol. of A. G. Davis' works was ordered at the next meeting to afford opportunity for examination by the trustees.

Adjourned.

Francis O. Williams.
Secretary.

List of books ordered & purchased
Nov. 9th 1874.

Ruth Gadney's Girlhood	1.	vol
Cast away in the Cold	1.	"
Ragged Dick Series	VI.	"
Mistress of Manse. Holland	1.	"
Catherine Earle.	1.	
By Side Waters.	1.	
a Rose in June.	1.	
My Sister Jennie.	1.	
Six girls	1.	
Antony Brade.	1.	
Harry Blount.	1.	
What Katie did.	1.	
" " " at School.	1.	
Mischief's Thanksgiving.	1.	
Speaking Likenesses	1.	
Mirror of Truth.	1.	
Moonfolk	1.	
Mayne Reid's Works	XIV.	
Clouds & the Mountains. Verne	1	
Mysterious Islands	1.	
Sunny Shores	1.	
B. Taylor.	1.	
Bedtime Stories	1.	
Froude's Hist. English in Ireland	III.	

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2.

Board Meeting

The Trustees of the N. P. P. Library met Monday Dec 14th at 11 o. P. M.

Present: President, Secretary & Messrs Nott, Gilbert, Chancellor.

The Records of the last meeting were read & accepted. To reconsider the action of the board on Mr Nott's motion made at the last meeting was renewed & A. J. Davis' two of a. j. davis' works Works - The autobiography & The Morning Lectures were taken up - Their rejection was reconsidered, & they were, after debate, accepted.

Sundry bills were approved.

& books suscepted, & at the suggestion of the Chairman, & Rev. Mr. Gilbert,

The board adjourned,

Francis B. Williams
Sec.

Bills approved.

William E. Foster - Sundries.	$ 11.94
Mosely & Getchell, Printing.	11.25

Books accepted

A. J. Davis.	Autobiography
" " "	Morning Lectures
Richardson	Sir Charles Grandison.
	Four years at Yale.

List of Books ordered but not purchased.
Dec. 17th 1875.

Tyndall's Fragments added.
Gladstone & Vatican Decrees.
Legends of Scotland
Blake's Poetical Works.
One Christian in the World.
Green's English People.
Lingard's England
Hillel's Culture
Nordhoff's Politics.
Farrar's Life of Christ.
Parnassus.
Social Pressure.
Livingstone's last Journals
Smith's Assyrian Explorations.
Russell's Recollections.
Supernatural Religion
Fiske's Cosmic Philosophy
Dana's Mineralogy.
Noad's Electricity
Nurses & a Bachelor.
out of the World
our new Crusade
F. Grant & Co.

Board Meeting.

Sec. Foster of the B. of C. Board met in Directors Room Jan. 11th 1875 at the Library at 7½ P.M.

Present Pres.t & Sec.y & Messrs Lancaster, Hathaway & Bellington.

Minutes of last meeting approved & Sundry bookmarks (23) ordered &c, &c, & the Board adjourned.

Francis C. Williams
Sec'y.

Bills approved - Jan 11th 1875.

Getchell & Moseley.	Printing	9.00
Noyes, Holmes & Co.	Books.	# 74.45
J. Frehan.	Janitor	18.21
W. E. Foster.	Librarian	140.33
W. E. Foster.	Expenses.	2.20

83.80

Bills approved. Feb. 8th 1875.

N. E. Subscription Agency	83.90
Noyes, Holmes & Co.	30.81
W. E. Foster. Incidentals	7.79

List of books ordered to be purchased.

Essays on Religion, Mill.		2.50
Religion & Science,	Draper	1.75
Ramble	Hübner	2.50
Voice in Singing		1.25
Voice in Speaking		1.25
Russia	Gautier	3.00
King of no-land	B. L. Farjeon.	.50
Norcas Club.	Adams.	1.25
Metallurgy	J. A. Phillips	
Scandinavian history	Otte	1.25
Pol. Economy	Fawcett	1.25
hours in a Library	Stephen	1.75
Social life in Greece	Mahaffy	1.75
Physics & Political	Bagehot	1.50
Kings Dukes	McCurdy	1.
My story.	Macquoid.	.75

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2.

Board Meeting.

The Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library met at the Library on Monday Feb. 8th at 7½ P.M.

Present: The President & Secretary, & Messrs Davis, Holt, Wellington & Hathaway.

The Record of the last Meeting was read & accepted.

After approving sundry bills & ordering the purchase of several books (16) the Board adjourned—

Francis B. Williams—

Board Meeting, Monday Evening, March 8th, 1875

The Trustees of the N. P. Public Library met at the Library Rooms at 7½ O'clock. Present the full Board.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report — The Treasurer presented his report which was accepted and Mr. Hathaway was chosen to audit the same.

Organization — The Board organized for the year by the choice of C. D. Weld as Chairman.

Mr. F. G. Williams was chosen Secretary and Treasurer but declined to serve. Mr. Hathaway was elected in his stead.

Voted — To accept the tract on the Sabbath written by Mr. A. E. Giles and by him presented to the Library.

Voted — That "the Court of Kings" by Prof. Wm. Denton be accepted, a gift from Mr. Wel

Voted — That "the Errors of the Bible" be referred to a Committee for examination. Messrs Lancaster and Nott were appointed as that Committee.

Voted — To accept "52 S. S. Addresses" from Henry Ge

Voted — To accept "Reynolds' Discourses" - "Werner" a tragedy by Goethe, and a volume of Translations by Lord Byron - "Sardanapalus" - "The Two Foscari" "Cain."

On motion of Mr. Lancaster it was

Voted — That all previous actions in relation to the "Life & Writings of Thomas Paine"

be reconsidered.

ed - That the "Life and Writings of Thomas Paine" be accepted as a gift from Mr. Gile.

ed - That the Chairman & Mr. Corcoran be appointed to make such arrangements as may seem best in regard to Janitor & the Library Rooms.

ded That Mr. Williams be reimbursed one dollar from the Library Fund for payment made in error.

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ived Mitchell & Mosely, Printing Slips, "Home Use" $13.00
James Feehan, Janitor 16.00
W. E. Foster, Sundries 6.67
Total 35.67

Communication was received from Mr. Foster the Librarian on matters pertaining to the Library. Complaint was made by him of abuse of Library books by John Mitchell Glenwood Ave. and of neglect on his part to call on the Librarian & explanation of the matter when requested so to do it was

ted - That the Secretary be instructed to inform said John Mitchell that he is suspended from the privileges of the Library, until such time as he shall render satisfactory account of damage to said books to the Librarian. in accordance with the 14th rule,

Three other parties (boys) being reported by the Librarian for persistent and wilful violation of the rules regarding conduct in the Library Room it was

Voted - That these parties be suspended from the privileges of the Library until April 1st or till such time thereafter as they shall promise to obey its regulations.

Voted That the Librarian and Assistant Librarian have power to suspend parties who violate the Library rules till the next meeting of Trustees following such violation.

New Books The following books were ordered to be purchased.
Hawthorne's Complete works.
A Journey to the North Pole - Jules Verne -
The Fields of Ice "
Five weeks in a Balloon "
Young Folks' History of the U.S.
A Pictorial View of the American Revolution - L. W. Spencer
The Civil War in America Wm. W. Draper.
Baker's Ismailia
Austrian Arctic Explorations
Schliemann's Trojan Explorations.
Thompson's Malacca.

Voted To defer the further consideration of applications for new books to the next meeting.

Voted - That a committee of three be appointed to consider whether the affairs of the Library can be conducted in a more

economical manner. Messrs Lancaster Nott and Hathaway were appointed that Committee.

On motion Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway
Secy.

Special Board Meeting Monday Evening March 29th 75

Present the Chairman, Messrs Gilbert, Williams, Nott, & Lancaster. In the absence of the Secy Mr. Lancaster was chosen Secy pro. tem.

A Communication was received from A. E. Giles presenting books accepted at a previous meeting.

A Communication was received from A. B. Wolf donating to the Library a book entitled Startling facts in Modern Spiritualism. Book accepted. Mr. Weld read his Report and it was accepted.

Mr. Lancaster read the report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of economy in the Library Adjourned the Report laid on the table.

Adjourned

E. M. Lancaster
Secy pro tem

Board Meeting: Monday Evening April 12th/75.

Present The Chairman, Messrs Gilbert, Davis, Nott & Lancaster.

Mr. Nott was chosen Secy pro. tem.

Report of the last meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert it was Voted, that a Committee be appointed to introduce Kerosene Oil to light the Library Rooms in place of Gas, said Com. to have full powers.

Messrs Weld, Nott, and Lancaster were chosen that Committee.

The Librarian read his annual Report which was accepted.

The following books were voted to be added to the Library.

Memoirs of the Prince Consort.
Greville Memoirs.
Life of Dr. Gannett.
Blacks General Atlas.
Old Country Life.
Life of Geo. Home.
Days near Rome.
Nelson California.
Nooks & Corners of New England.
Lombard Street.
Prohibitory Law

Friends in Council
Thoughts about Art

Professor at the Breakfast Table.
Essays & Reviews.
Canon Liddon's Bampton Lectures.
To complete the sett of Jules Vernes Works.
To purchase Miss Alcotts Eight Cousins
and Old Fashioned Girl.

The following Bills were approved.

Bills

W. E. Foster	5.10
Boynton & Rogers	.25
W. E. Foster Librarian	142.55
James Feehan Janitor	18.50
Getchell & Mosley	11.25
	177.65

Adjourned
Linden H. Nott Secretary

Present [illegible]

Chairman, Dillon, Williams, Mayo

[illegible]

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted - That readers excluded from the Library by the Board and that they be referred to the regular committee on delinquencies to be dealt with as the Board.

Sundry Bills amounting to $67.26 were presented and approved.

Voted - That a change be made in the manner of issuing bills be made with the recommendations of the Librarian.

Voted that a record be entered and printed in accordance with the Librarian and that he be authorized to have the same printed.

A list of books purchased by the Librarian was presented and 21 were ordered to be purchased.

A communication was received from the Librarian asking for an increase of salary after some discussion it was laid on the table and made a special assignment

meeting, and the Secretary was directed to notify the members of the Board to that effect.

Adjourned
E. L. Hathaway Secy

Supplementary.
Received from the Librarian,

from Fines	(April)	3.00
" Mutilated Newspapers		.75
" Sale of Old Papers, White		1.75
" Book lost by Pupil		1.50
" Fines for June		3.00
	Total	10.10

E. Hathaway Secy

Bills Allowed. May 10th

H. E. Foster		1.40
Geo. Howes	coal	10.75
N. E. Gas Light Co	change in light	30.36
W. T. Britton	Janitor's	24.75
		67.26

Books voted. May 10th
Prairie and the Pharisees
Hardy's Reminiscences
Hardy's Luministic Researches.
Minute Boys and Old Patriots
Irving's Spanish Literature.
Curtis' Life of Webster.
The Students History of France.
Mr. Smith. — Wilford.
Greenleaf — Ivy
Browning

The Nations.
Mar Baxter.
Intercourt.
The Crimea.
Works of Charles Lever, 7 vols not at present in the Library.

21 Volumes.

Correction It was moved and seconded that the salary of the Librarian be increased Two Hundred Dollars: this motion was laid on the table till the next meeting in order to have a full expression of the Board.

Board Meeting. Monday Evening, June 14th 1875

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Trustees was held at the Rooms this evening. The Chairman in the Chair. Present Messrs Gilbert, Davis, Lancaster & Hathaway.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The motion in regard to the salary of the Librarian was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. Davis it was

Voted- that the vote be taken by ballot and that the ballot remain open until five minutes before the adjournment of this meeting when the vote shall be declared.

Messrs Davis, Gilbert & Hathaway, being Librarians decided to leave and as their withdrawal would leave the meeting without a quorum the vote was called for.

Whole number of votes cast 5

Yeas 4

Nay 1

and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Approved

E. S. Hathaway Clk

The salary of the Librarian is to be $600 instead of $400 from this date.

Board Meeting.

Monday Evening July 12th 1875.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library rooms this evening. The Chairman in the Chair. Present Messrs Gilbert, Davis, Williams, Nott & Hathaway. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Present of Picture from Mr. Mayo

The Chairman read a communication from Chas H. Mayo Esq. presenting to the Library an engraving which formerly hung in the old Mayo Tavern in West Roxbury. Voted to accept the gift and return the thanks of the Board to Mr. Mayo for the same

Bills

Bills to the amount of $202.45 were approved by the Board

Committee on Chairs Bound Files &c

The Chairman was appointed a Committee to attend to putting a Chair-board around the Library Room and to procure additional Newspaper Files and Books for the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Librarian.

Voted that a copy of Henry Wilson's Rise & Progress of the Slave Power be procured for the Library.

Quorum

Voted that Three members of the Board constitute a Quorum for the

transaction of business and that all prior votes in relation to quorum be and are hereby repealed.

A communication was received from the Librarian thanking the Board for the increase of salary voted at the last meeting of the Board and announcing that in compliance with the request of the Board he had begun the comparison of the Catalogue with the original lists of books voted and as a partial result of his labors had to recommend the purchase of some 126 books marked in the list but not in the Library. (The names of these books appear at the end of this record)

Vote-

Voted that the list of books recommended by the Librarian be immediately purchased and placed in the Library.

Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway Clerk

Received from the Librarian $6.55 for fines.

Bills Approved

W. E. Foster	services	163.90
"	sundries	.80
Britton	Janitor	36.00
Jones Robinson & Co	wood	1.75
		202.45

Books added July 12th 1875

Agassiz's Structure of Animal Life.
Allen's Domestic Animals.
Lady Barker's Station Life in New Zealand.
Browne's Apache Country.
Burke's Complete Works. 8 volumes.
Carpenter's Human Physiology.
Chambers' Rebellion of 1745.
Crichton's History of Scandinavia. 2 vols.
Darwin's Descent of man.
The King's Lily & Rose-bud.
De Foe's Miscellaneous Works. 7 vols.
Downing's Country building.
Miss Edgeworth's Tales. 10 volumes.
Fairbairn's Iron.
Felton's Greece.
Fletcher's History of Poland.
Goodrich's Select British Eloquence.
How plants & grow.
Gray's Botany.
Guyot's Earth & man.
Sir William Hamilton's Logic.
Bulwer's France.
Henderson's Gardening.
The child's book of nature.
Stories told to a child. 2 vols.
A sister's Bye-hours.
Douglas Jerrold's works. 4 vols.
How crops grow.
The Pleasant Cove series. 6 vols.
The Whispering Pine series. " "

Knight's Half-hours with the best letter-writers.
Lane's Thousand (and) one nights. 2 vols.
Grace Greenwood's History of my pets.
" " Recollections of my childhood.
" " Stories from ancient ballads.
Dealings with the fairies.
M'Pherson's Political history of the United States. 2 vols.
Maine's Ancient law.
Norton's Agriculture.
Nourse's Suez canal.
The laird of Norlaw.
Parsons' Treatise on the Rose.
Porter's Human intellect.
Ray's Mental hygiene.
Lawrence's adventures.
Wright's poultry-keeper.
Youmans' Household science.
Countess Kate.
Napier's Peninsular War. 5 volumes.
The Bridgewater treatises 11 volumes
Works of Alexander Hamilton. 7 volumes.
Botta's Life of Dante.
Brougham's Autobiography. 3 vols.
Marshall's Christian Missions. 2 vols.
Cardinal Wiseman's works. 2 vols.
Aids to faith.
Rothschild's Hebrew Literature. 2 vols.
Taine's English Literature. 4 vols.
Hoove's Encyclopaedia of music.

Board Meeting
Monday Evening Aug 9th 75

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Rooms this evening. Present the Chairman, Messrs Wellington and Hathaway.
Records of the last meeting were read and approved.
Bills to the amount of $29.67 were presented and approved viz -

Fitts Express	1.70	$1.00 Library .70 Town
Adams "	1.05	
N. E. Foster Sundries	5.27	
Britton Janitor	16.00	
Boston Pilot 17 to 76	2.65	(Library)
Ward & Gay	3.00	
	29.67	

On the regular communication from Mr. Foster attention was called to a leak existing which caused damage to furniture and books. The Chairman stated that he had twice called the attention of Mr. Conner to the leak and he had twice promised to have it repaired but had failed to do so.
Voted that the Secy be instructed to notify Mr. Conner to repair this leak immediately and if not done the Board will cause it to be repaired and withhold the amount paid for

such repairs from the rent.

The Board proceeded to the further consideration of the Librarian's Catalogue revision and ordered the purchase of the books enumerated below.

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby "Homes for the People" was accepted for the Library and substitute "Rural Homes" now in the Library. ~~but not voted.~~

Voted to add to the Library the complete works of Dr. Johnson.

Voted to reconsider the votes whereby the following books were ordered to be purchased viz -

Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography.

~~Hanois Introduction to the Bible New Ed~~

Mrs. Hale's Woman's Record.

Macleay's Life of Edmund Burke.

Lockhart's " " Robert Burns.

Parton's Life of Franklin

Harte's Gustavus Adolphus.

Carpenter's Six Months at the White House.

Bourienne's Napoleon.

Poc. Invitas. Life of Thos. Telford by Smiles

Grote's Socrates.

R. S. Hardy's Legends & Theories of the Buddhists

Mc Mullen's History of Canada.

Charities of Europe.

These were all dropped from

Books added August 9th 1875

Douay Bible
McCulloch's Money & Banks
Appletons Cyclopaedia of Drawing.
Bartlett's Americanisms.
Manual of Photography.
Literature of a Future Life.
Latin Lexicon
Greek "
French "
German "
Pittmans Phonography.
Todds Students Manual.
Cavendish on Whist
Staunton's Chess
Scotts Military Dictionary.
Totten's Naval "
Mechanical Movements.
Wordsworth's Poems 7 Vols.
Herrick's " 2 Vols.
Campbell's "
Arbers Reprints.

the purchasing list

After listening to a paper relative to the routine business of the Library giving a sketch of the same prepared by him at the request of the Chairman the Board

Adjourned
E. S. Hathaway Secy

Monday Evening, Sept 13th, 1875.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Board was held at the Rooms this evening. Present, the Chairman, Messrs Gilbert, Davis, Lancaster & Hathaway.

The following bills were presented and approved viz

N. H. Tucker	Coal 27 - Carrying up 2.00	29.00
James Feehan	1 day as Janitor	.66
W. J. Britten	Janitor	20.00
N. E. Foster	Sundries	5.04

A bill for rent of Rooms to Phebe N. Conner was presented but in consideration of certain legal questions attaching thereto no action was taken thereon.

The Secy, appointed at the last meeting a Committee to present the opinion of the Board in regard to the Book existing in the Library Room

Reported that he had attended to the matter and carried out the instructions of the Board. Mr. Connor appeared before the Board and announced that he had discovered the cause of the leak and the same had been removed.

The Chairman was appointed a Committee to ascertain the proper custodian of State Documents sent to the Town. Also a Committee to attend to a smoky chimney in the Library (Trustees') Room.

The Treasurer was instructed to order 1½ tons of Coal for the Library use.

The Librarian brought before the Board the list of books for further consideration but upon receiving from the Treasurer a statement of the amount already spent for books the current year no action was taken thereon and the Board

Adjourned

The Records of the last meeting were read and amended by striking out from the list of rejected books

"Hornes Introduction to the Bible"

and approved as amended.

E. S. Hathaway Sec'y

Monday Evening
Oct. 11th 1875.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Trustees was held at the Rooms this evening. Present the Chairman, Messrs Williams, Lancaster, Vott, Nellington & Hathaway.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman as Committee on the disposition of State Documents reported that he had been unable to find the former party at the State House and would report at a future meeting.

The Committee on chimney presented what information he had obtained and on motion of Mr. Vott the Chairman was appointed a Committee with power to remedy the same: as regards the chair board ordered the Chairman reported that the work had been completed.

The following bills were presented and ordered

Ward & C.	Paper	3.25
B. E. Phillips	Painting &c	3.10
W. J. Britten	Janitor to Oct 7	16.00
E. E. Foster	1/4 Salary	150.
"	201 Extra Hours	55.04
"	Sundries	1.40
		228.79

An item of "extra hours" in the Librarians bill was discussed at some length.

a proposition was received from Mr. Foster to the effect that beginning with the first of October he would not count the time spent in the "accession book" as "extra hours".
Voted to accept Mr. Foster's proposition.

The following vote was then passed unanimously, to wit — That in the opinion of this Board the time spent before the opening of the Library and after the closing of the same, necessary for its proper working, comes properly within the scope of the Librarian's duties and should not be made an item of extra charge.

Voted - that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Librarian of the passage of the said vote.

Voted - That all juvenile books marked in the "Best Reading" and not yet purchased be added to the Library forthwith.

Voted - To duplicate the Oliver Optic series.

Voted - To duplicate the Camping Out series, also Miss Alcotts' works.

Adjourned.

Time 8.25

E. L. Mahaney
Sec'y

Monday Evening
November 8th, 1875.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Trustees was held this evening in the School Committee Room on account of inability to warm the Trustees' Room.

Present Messrs Weld, Gilbert, Williams, Lancaster, Hathaway.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Several applications for books were laid on the table.

The following bills were presented and approved

W. E. Foster Sundries 2.25.

(to Nov. 4th) W. T. Britton Janitor 16.00

Mr. Connor appeared before the Board with a request that the money due for rent of rooms might be paid over to him, representing that the way was clear for the Board to pay the same without prejudice to their own interests.

Voted that the Chairman be instructed to approve the bill for rent of rooms if Mr. Gray (counsel) approves such action.

Mr Gray subsequently appeared before the Board and said that the condition of affairs was such that the bill might be paid to Mrs Connor in person on her receipt or on an order from her, her signature being

(vote rescinded 8 Nov.)

duly attested by two witnesses.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway
Secy.

Correction of Record of November 8th 1875.

Mr. Gray subsequently appeared before the Board and said that the condition of affairs was such "that the Board may pay the bill for rent to Phebe W. Connor in person, or on a bill made by her and signed by two witnesses, accompanied by an order drawn by her, and witnessed by two witnesses, payable to Barney Connor

E. S. Hathaway
Secy

Monday Evening.
December 15th, 1875.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library Rooms this evening.

Present Messrs Weld, Williams and Hathaway.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Board received in behalf of the Library, from Mrs Lockwood Brooks & Co, the publishers, a copy of "Silhouettes & Songs" by Miss Helen M. Hinds of Hyde Park.

also from Mr. Wm. Munroe the donor of the Library & Library Building in Concord Mass. a photograph of the Concord Library Building the same having been appropriately framed by Mr. Foster our Librarian and a copy of the Dedicatory Exercises attending the opening of the same.

The customary vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs Lockwood Brooks & Co Mr. Munroe, and Mr. Foster for their gifts

Mrs. H.C. Fiske of Hyde Park tendered a copy of the Woman's Journal to be placed upon the Library files. Accepted with thanks.

Voted - That the same periodicals be continued for the year 1876 and that the matter of renewing subscriptions be left with the Librarian.

The following Bills were presented and approved - Viz -

W. E. Foster	Salary 2 mos	100.
"	54 Extra Hours	14.58
"	Sundries	1.20
Jones Robinson & Co	Coal & Wood (a/c)	11.50
J. Hill & Son	repairing skylight	1.75
W. T. Britton	Janitor to Dec 9	20.00
Getchell & Mosely		12.75
		161.78

Certain applications for books were placed before the Board but action on the same was postponed until the next meeting.

On the appeal of Mr. Foster to the Board made at the request of Mrs Anna Bates for the remission of a fine of twenty eight cents incurred Nov. 27th to Dec 11th no reason being given why such fine should be remitted, the appeal was dismissed without action.

The Librarian reported that the Rent of the Rooms had been paid to Nov. 1st. Fines received from the Librarian $9.41

Adjourned,

E. S. Wattawaay
Secy.

Monday Evening
January 10th, 1876.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library Rooms this evening.

Present. Messrs Weld, Williams, Corcoran, Lancaster, Nellington Nott & Hathaway.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Town Treasurer of which the following is a copy.

Hyde Park, December 30th 1875.

E. S. Hathaway Esq.
Treasurer Hyde Park Public Library
Dear Sir,

On the 22d. May last I paid you $30.85, the same being amount of "Dog License" Money for 1874. I find on examination of the Town Records that I had no authority so to do, and will therefore thank you to refund the same at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
Henry S. Burton
Town Treasurer.

Accompanying the letter was the following certified copy of the Town Records in the case.

Article 11. "Voted to take up the items & appropriations

Voted to raise $3.040.00 by taxation to meet the expenses of the town the current year and appropriate the same as follows.

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Public Library — Money recd from Dog Licenses in 1874 $ 1000.00

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A true copy of vote in the matter of the Public Library, at a town meeting held Mar. 31st 1875.

Attest

Henry B. Jenny
Town Clerk.

In the above matter it was Voted. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over $30.85 to the Town Treasurer, being amount of Dog License Money for 1874 which he claims was paid in error.

The following bills were presented and approved

Rent of Post Office Bx.	to Dec 31/74		1.00
W. S. Britton	Janitor	to Jan 6	16.00
N. H. Tucker	coal		22.50
Jones Robinson & Co	(2nd bill)		12.93
W. E. Foster	Salary		30.
"	Incidentals		1.27
			103.70

A bill was presented by Mr. Foster for $13.77 for extra work (carrying books). After a somewhat lengthy discussion it was voted not to approve the bill as in the opinion of the Board the Thirteenth Rule of the Library (which sets forth the Librarians duties) makes such work a part of the Librarians duties, and the commission of the Librarian covers all necessary work connected with the Library.

Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway Sec'y.

Monday Evening,
February 14th, 1876.

The regular Board Meeting was called for this evening but there being no quorum present no meeting was held.

Present the Chairman and Sec'y.

E. S. Hathaway
Sec'y.

Paid $5.25 for Library Fee

Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library held monday evening March 13/76 at 7½ P.M. —

Present — Messrs Weld, Lancaster, Corcoran Gilbert, Millington, Williams, Aldrich & Nott

Reading the records of last meeting dispensed with. This being the Annual meeting, the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year — the result of the elections was as follows

Theodore D. Weld — Chairman — Francis C. Williams was first elected Secretary and Treasurer but declined serving — a new vote was taken and Gordon H. Nott was elected Secretary & Treasurer —

Voted — That hat pegs be prepared for the Trustees room & that the Chairman be a committee of one with full powers —

Voted — Unanimously that the thanks of the Trustees be presented to E. S. Hathaway for past valuable services as Secretary & Treasurer —

Voted — That giving a false name is a flagrant violation of the rules for, made for regulating the conduct of those present in the Library Rooms —

Voted — To pay	Geo B. Sargent's bill		$1,00
" "	Setchell & Moseley		7,50
" "	"	"	3,25
" "	W. E. Foster		6,77
" "	J. B. Britton		16,00
Librarian —	W. E. Foster		100,00

Voted – that any member of the Board of Trustees shall be an agent of the same for quelling any disturbance in the Library rooms, and that this same Authority be given to the Librarian or any one acting in that Capacity.

Voted – to pay Chas Haley $8.08
" " Rent 86.11

Voted – that Messrs Corcoran & Aldrich be a committee of two, with full powers, to cause to be prepared shelves for files of old newspapers, as they accumulate, in the Board room.

Voted – to Adjourn –

Gordon H. Nott
Sec'y.

Special Meeting of the Trustees of Hyde Park Public Library held Wednesday March 29-/76 at 7½ P.M. at their rooms –

Present – Messrs – Weld, Williams, Aldrich, Wellington, Lancaster & Nott –

Voted To approve & pay ~~xxxx~~ Setchell & Moseley's bill $10.00

Voted – that in order to keep up the efficiency of the Library that the dog tax be appropriated for the purchase of books, and that the same amount asked for last year

Readings in records of last meeting & signed with

be given this year for expenses —

Voted — To accept the annual Report of the Chairman —

Voted — To adjourn — Gordon H. Nott Sec'y

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held this 10th at seven & one half P.M. Present —

Messrs Davis, Weld, Aldrich, Williams, Lancaster, Gilbert & Nott

Records of last meeting approved —

Resolved that the Librarian be instructed to loan no more books from the Library after this date, but to keep it open during the usual hours until Monday the 24th inst. inclusive for the reception of the 2000 books now out —

To insure the books not already insured, for three years.

Voted R. H. Boynton's bill for Ink pegs & Stebbs $2,50

Voted W. E. Foster $5,80 (Times)

Voted Messrs Weld & Lancaster be a committee to prepare a letter for Mr W. E. Foster Librarian — his resignation this day received today (evening)

To The Citizens of Hyde Park.

The Hyde Park Public Library Board have commissioned the undersigned to announce to their fellow citizens, that, at their monthly meeting held this evening, the following vote was passed unanimously.

Resolved that the Librarian be instructed to loan no more books from the Library after this date, but to keep it open during the usual hours until Monday the 24th inst., inclusive, for the reception of the 2000 books now out.

The vote of the town, restricting the running expenses of the Library for the year to $700, leaves the Trustees no alternative,—hence the issuing of this order imperatively demanded by the following facts:—

First—The expenses of the Library since January 1st.

Second—The salaries of the Librarian and Janitor since March 1st.

Third—An insurance just effected upon 1700 volumes, not covered by the previous policy, and

Fourth—The annual rent of the rooms, ($310) payable monthly,—these outlays, either already made or pledged for the year, will entirely exhaust the appropriation voted by the town for the expenses of the Library for 1876.

The Library, now numbering 5200 volumes, is the property of the town, and the trustees have made the foregoing announcement, that their fellow citizens may know what action its custodians have taken in the premises, and the cause which has compelled it.

THEODORE D. WELD, Chairman.
GORDON H. NOTT, Secretary.

Hyde Park, April 10th, 1876.

Mr. Foster's Letter of Resignation.

HYDE PARK, April 10, 1876.

To the Board of Trustees.—Gentlemen—I have the honor to tender herewith my resignation as Librarian of the Hyde Park Public Library. I take this opportunity also of expressing my appreciation of the uniform kindness and consideration manifested by the Board, from the beginning of my connection with the Library.

Very respectfully,
W. E. FOSTER.

Reply of the Library Board.

DEAR SIR,—The Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library have received your note resigning your position as their librarian. We deplore the necessity which thus compels you to surrender your office, and constrains the Board to accept your resignation. Your services to the Library, and through it to the town, have been of great value, and the loss of them is a public calamity.

By your accurate and varied scholarship, your rare knowledge of books, and your familiarity with the details of your profession, you have, with uniform courtesy, rendered to the Board, as their counsellor in all straits, invaluable service, for which they tender you, with all heartiness, their grateful acknowledgements.

By your tireless industry, your promptitude, ready tact, fertile resource in reducing to system complicted details, added to your power of rapid execution in the discharge of your responsible trusts, you have exhibited pre-eminent fitness for the duties of your position; while, by the quiet and kindly manner in which you have administered these trusts, you have worthily honored your profession, your office, and yourself.

Not doubting that such professional services as yours will soon find, in a wider sphere, that adequate appreciation which they so eminently deserve, we are, in behalf of the Hyde Park Library Board,

Faithfully and cordially yours,
THEODORE D. WELD, Chairman.
GORDON H. NOTT, Secretary.

HYDE PARK, April 10, 1876.

Voted Library W.E. Foster — $50.00
" " " W.B. Bitton — 16,00

Voted - that W. B Bitton be paid Two dollars ($2) per week for Two weeks

Voted to adjourn - Gordon H. Nott Secy

Reading of the Records of last meeting of Trustees was dispensed with

Special meeting of the Trustees held April 24th 1876
Present Messrs Weld Gilbert Aldrich & Nott
Voted that the Chairman has full Charge of the Library and Rooms from this date, together with all mail matters.
Received of W.E. Foster $2,20 (fifty)

Voted to adjourn - Gordon H. Nott Secy

May 8th 1876 Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library - Present Messrs Weld Davis Williams Aldrich & Nott -
The records of the last meeting were read & approved -

Voted to sell Orphans Salem Witchcraft -

Voted - To loan to W.E. Foster one of Two

bibliographical works; chiefly pamphlets

Voted to pay Sanford
Sandford & Rummells bill $6,00
Mc Avoy & Co " 9,00
Boynton & Rogers 3,50
W. E. Foster to april
24th 50,00

Voted - That the Chairman
approve Setchell & Morley's
bill —

Voted That the Chairman be a committee
one to call and see Mr Reeves,
and ask him to be present at an
adjourned meeting —
Voted that when we adjourn, that we
be to thursday evening next at
7½ P.M. (May 11th)

Voted
To adjourn —— to Thursday
may 11th at 7½ P.M.
Gordon H. Nott
Secy

Hyde Park May 11th - 1876
adjourned Meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Pub Lib-
Present The Rest & Messrs Aldrich, Davis &
Williams — The Secretary being absent
no records were read —
after examination of several certificates
regarding the character & experience of Mr
J. J. W. Reeves & after conference with himself

the following proposition was made by the Board & accepted by Mr Reeves - viz "Mr Reeves is to take the position of Librarian of the Hyde Park Pub Library & commence on Sat. May 13th 1876 & continue in office & charge till May 1st 1877 or until the appropriation for the Library by the Town for the next year (in the month of March or April) shall be made. The Library is to be open two days, Wednesday & Saturday of each week - 7 hours a day, from 2 o'c to 9 o'c P.M. =
Mr Reeves is to perform all duties of janitor, the care of rooms, sweeping lighting making & keeping the fires & c & c, at the Salary of $250, for these services as Librarian & Janitor for the time mentioned - The Salary to be paid monthly" - This understanding was read & distinctly entered into between the Board & Mr Reeves - Adjourned

Signed H. C. Williams Secy pro tem
by G. H. Nott Secy

Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library June 12/76 -
present Messrs Reid Williams Corcoran Gilbert Aldrich & Nott -
Voted that the Records of the Regular and adjourned meetings of May 8th & 11th be approved -
Voted to approve Geo B. Sanford's bill $2.25

Voted that no more books be purchased—

Voted To approve the bill, for services of the Librarian (Mr Keene) for the months ending June 13th $20,00

Voted To accept the following list of books donated to the Hyde Park Public Library by J. Coffin Jones Brown Esq. June 1876—

J.C.J.B of Hyde Park

Ancient & Rare—

New England's Rarities — W. Wood
Sermon on Washington — S. West
Life of Deborah Sampson Gl. Mirton
- the female Soldier of the Revolutionary War—
The Essex Journal ~~August~~ August 1776 containing the proceedings of the House of Commons relating to the Evacuation of Boston—

Modern

Frederick the Great Carlyle - 2 Vols
Letters of John Randolph — 1 "
Under the Peak - Mrs. Mercer - 1 "
Duchess of St Albans - Wilson - 1 "
Life of Cardinal Chevenix Dubuq - 1 Vol
Mercantile Maxims & Morals - Hunt 1 - Vol
Art in England - Dalton Cook - 1 - "
Cadet Life at West Point - Lasing 1 "
Poems of Matthew Prior — 2 "

The English Woman in America - 1 Vol

Plays -
Poor Pillicoddy - J. M. Morton
Wild oats ——— J. O. Kelly
The Love Chase — J. S. Knowles
Masks and Faces Tom Taylor & Ch. Reade
Jessie Brown - Dion Boucicault

Periodicals -
Universalist - Quarterly - 1864
Kindergarten Messenger - 1874
Cornhill Magazine 2, 3, 4 & 5 - 1860
All the year Round No. 2 - 1859
Sets more or less full of
the Atlantic Monthly
Sets do do of
Harpers Magazine -
7 Pamphlets -
10 adjustable covers for Atlantic monthly

Voted To approve A. W. Nichols
bill for three (3) months for
rent from March 1st to June 1st 77.50

Voted to adjourn -

Gordon H. Nott Secy

Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library July 10th 76.
Present Messrs Reid Nott & Aldrich
The records of the last meting were read and approved.
Voted to approve the Librarian's
bill - June 13th to July 13th "
one months ——— 20.84
Postage ——— .16
Total = 21.00

There was received, and read, a communication from Miss Reeves, the Librarian.

Voted - that Miss Reeves be authorized to put four shelves over the back window in the Library room at a cost of $1 -

Voted to adjourn —

Gordon H. Nott
Secy

Trustees of the
Regular meeting of the Hyde Park Public Library
Monday August 14th "/76 — notified to meet at 7½ P.M.
Called to order at 7-40 P.M. —
Present Messrs Reid Wellington & Nott
The records of the last meeting were read and approved.
A letter was received from Miss L. A. Jones

tendering her resignation as asistant Librarian
dated august 14th 1876 – Which was accepted.

Voted – to appoint Mrs Calvin Thompson
asistant Librarian –

Voted – to approve Mr Revis
bill July 13th to augt 13th " – 2,00

Voted to pay rent June 1st to
augt 1st, two months, 51,66

Voted – to approve bill of E. M. Nott – 2,02

Received Bi-centennial of the town
of medfield 1676 to 1876 –

Voted – to pay Miss Lena Jones for three (3)
days services 1st. pr day – 3,00

Voted – to pay for shelves as per
vote of July 10th " – 1,00

Voted – to adjourn –

Gordon H. Nott
Secy

Books received and presented to the Hyde Park Public Library by J. Coffin Jones Brown Esq^{re} of Hyde Park —

Proceedings of Ecclesiastical Council Hollis St. vs Bridge

Sacred Poems H. Vaughan
Chronicles & Characters — R. Lytton
China & Lower Bengal — G. W. Locke
Religions Creeds & Statistics John Hayward
Poems to Queen Victoria &c Leonora Rubi
Insects
Festivals Games & Amusements —

Meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library notified to meet at 7.30 P.M. Monday Sept. 11th 1876. Called to order at 7.45 P.M. Present Messrs Reed Millington Williams & Nott Records read and approved, after inserting the word "Miss" for Mrs (L.A. Jones) —

Voted — To approve Mr Reed's (Librarian) bill Augt 13th to Sept 13th $20,00

Less over paid ,84

Balance $19,16

Voted to call a special meeting, and that the Chairman & Secy are authorised to name a place & time; and that they are requested to use all to be present —

Received from the Brazilian Centennial commission, Philadelphia, a list of books — also received a Catalogue of the Public Library of Evansville Indiana & Bulletin No 38 - 1876, July, Boston Public Library —

Received the Fourth Annual Report of the Boston Public Library 1876

Voted to adjourn —

Gordon H. Nott
Secy

The Secretary not being present, the minutes were not read -

Special meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library, held at the house of the Rev Perley B. Davis Oct 4th "

Present Messrs Weld Davis Millington Lancaster Aldrich & Williams

A communication was received from the Board to Mr Reeves, the Librarian, prepared by Mr Weld, was read by him & discussed very fully.

Moved & Voted that we adjourn to to-morrow evening at 7½ P.M. at the Library room.

Signed J.C. Williams Secy pro tem
by Gordon H. Nott
Secy

Adjourned meeting, of Oct 4th held at the
Library room Oct 5th

Present Messrs Weld Davis Lancaster Williams Aldrich Millington & Nott

Called to order at 7.45 P.M. (adjourned to 7.30 P.M.)

Records read and approved -

Rec'd of Mr Reeves for fines & damages ——— $7.07

Expenses paid by Mr Reeves & C .65

Bal in Cash — 6.43

Mr Reeves tendered his resignation.

Voted that Mr Reeves resignation be accepted -

Mrs Calvin M. Thompson was elected by ballot - whole number of Votes six (6) all of which were for Mrs Thompson (for Librarian)

The length of service at the will of the Board

Gordon H. Nott Secy

Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library October 9th "
Held at their room when all meetings are notified to meet — unless otherwise ordered
Present Messrs Weld Davis Williams Wellington Aldrich & Nott —
Records read and approved — (of the last meeting)
Received, the Rev J. H. Gilbert's resignation having moved out of town —

Voted that the Rev J. H. Gilbert's resignation be accepted — The Chairman and Secretary were requested to prepare an answer —
Voted to pay the following bills
Sanford & Kimmell $ 3.23
Geo B. Sargent " 2.00
Setchell & Manly — 5.00
Voted that the Chairman be authorized to purchase a bell for Library room
Voted that there be allowed an intermission of half an hour — from 5½ P.M. to 6 P.M. during the open days of the Library
Voted that the matter of an assistant Librarian be left with Messrs Weld & Williams — Wellington
Voted that John Scivens be janitor at $1 (one dollar) per week.
Voted that the meetings of the Board be on the first Wednesday previous to the Second Monday in the month.
Voted to adjourn Gordon H. Nott
Secy

Wednesday Nov 8th 1876 - Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library - Present Messrs Weld Davis Aldrich & Nott

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved, after inserting the word Wellington for Williams. The bill of Mr Reeves of twenty five ($25) dollars together with one dollar ($1) now be paid, also the bill of Mrs Thompson - these bills were left with the Secretary - All bills that would naturally come before the Board the 2d ~~Wednesday~~ monday of the month of the month, be left with the Chairman & Secretary, with authority to approve & pay, if found correct -

Voted - That Mr aldrich & Weld be a committee, with power, to arrange the place for the delivery of books, & that there will be less confusion -

Voted to adjourn.

Sat Reading Regular
of Dec 6th

1876

Dec. 6th Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Present: Chairman & Messrs Davis, Lancaster, Pellington & Williams.

Mr. Williams was chosen Sec. pro tem.

Messrs aldrich, Reed & Williams were chosen a Committee "because to be immediately deposited in the Hyde Park Savings Bank all "money of the Library now in the hands of the "Treasurer."

Bills approved	$
Mrs H. A. B. Thompson	16.50
" " " "	16.50

Ordered: That all fines be deposited by the Chairman in the Hyde Park Savings Bank.

Francis G. Williams.
Sec. pro tem.

1877
Jan 17

Meeting of the Library Board.

Present: Chairman, Messrs Corcoran & Williams
Mr Williams was chosen Sec. for time.

Rsld: That books & magazines as need repairs or binding be immediately sent to Printo circulation.

2dsld: That the Chairman & Mr. Corcoran confer with Mr. Bailey & increase the shelf room in the Library on such terms as seem to them reasonable.

3dsld:
That reference books be hereafter given out for private use only on cards.

Bills presented

[Rent]	A. Wright	25.
	Mitchell & Moseley	2.00
	Post Office	1.
	E. M. Pratt	2.50
[Janitor]	John Scrivens	8.50
[Librarian]	H. A. B. Kingsbury	21.50

adjourned.
Francis G. Williams
Sec. pro tem

1877

Jan. 29th Adjourned Meeting of the Library Board.

Present:

Chairman & Messrs Daniels, Davis & Williams.

Voted:

To authorize the Chairman to approve all Bills for binding, shelving, Insurance presented before the close of the financial year for work ordered & services rendered by order of the Board.

Bills approved.

Wetherell & Knowles	3.
" "	1.
Miss Davis	1. 60
Mrs A. A. S. Thompson	2. 40
N. H. Morse	9. 40
Rockwood & Knowles & Co	3. 18

Francis C. Williams
Sec. Protem.

Regular meeting of the Library Board

Present: Chairman, Trustees Lewis, Thompson & Williams.

In Report of Mrs. H. A. B. Thompson, Librarian, of the state of the Library from Oct. 9th 1890, the date of her appointment, the general condition of the same read & accepted. Also the Librarians Special Report for the month of January 1891.

Mr. Williams, acting as Treasurer, reported that the accounts of the Library Fund had been balanced, presented to the Town-auditors, & duly approved.

Bills approved
Budget minutes

Adjourned
Francis Williams
Sec. pro tem.

1877
March 14th Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Present

Mess Weld, Aldrich, Williams & Hathaway.

Re-organizat. of Board

This being the Annual Meeting of the Board the special business of the evening was the choice of officers for the ensuing year. The ballot resulted as follows

For Chairman - Theodore D. Weld.
" Secy & Treasurer - Edward F. Hathaway.

Librarians Report

The report of the Librarian for the month of February was received, read, and placed on file.

Bills

Bills were presented and approved as follows.

(Wood)	C. B. Balkam	1.40
(Librarian)	H. A. B. Thompson	16.50
(Janitor)	Jno. Scrivener	4.00
	Express	65
		22.55

Adjourned

E. F. Hathaway Secy.

Special Board Meeting,

March 24th 1877.

A special meeting of the Board was held at the Rooms this evening.

Present Mefsrs. Weld, Davis, Williams, Aldrich, Hathaway, & Hill.

Annual Report — The Annual Report was presented by the Chairman, and referred to a Sub-Committee of Mefsrs Weld, Williams, and Hathaway with full powers.

Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway Secy.

$1200 to be asked of the Town for current expenses for the year 1877.

1877

April 11th Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Present,

Chairman, & Messrs Williams, Wellington, Hill,
& Hathaway.

The words of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Librarian and action thereon.

The report of the Librarian for the month of March was received, read, and placed on file. The report recommended a change in the arrangement of the Delivery Desk; the closing of the Library between 5½ & 6½ o'clock P.M. and the placing of a clock in the Library room. On the matter of the first recommendation it was

Voted

That Messrs Aldrich & Hathaway be a Comm. to act with the Librarian in making such changes in the arangement of the Delivery Desk, as may seem best in order to facilitate the delivery of books.

In the matter of the second recommendation

Voted -

Library Hours

That the Library be closed during the hour from half past five to half past six o'clock.

The Town having voted an appropriation of $1275 to the Library for current expenses,

any excess of appropriation above expenses to be applied to the purchase of new books the library arrangements for the year came up for discussion.

Voted -

Library to be open daily. That the Library be opened daily (Sunday & Legal Holidays excepted) from 2 to 9 P.M. with the exception of the intermission already voted.

Voted

Librarian's Salary That the salary of the Librarian be Three hundred and fifty Dollars. ($350)

Voted.

Janitor's Pay That the pay of the Janitor be fixed at Two Dollars ($2) per week from April 15th to Oct 15th and Three Dollars ($3) per week from Oct. 15th to April 15th

Bills The following bills were presented and approved.

H. A. B. Thompson	(Librarian)	$33.00
John Scrivener	(Janitor)	8.00
S. R. Moseley	(Printing)	6.00
Sundries	(from Library Fines)	9.95

Bill of S. B. Balkam for Wood $1.40 carrying in 25¢ was left with the Secy to ascertain whether it be not a duplicate of bill presented and approved at March meeting.

Fines rec'd $9.80 Received from Librarian for fines, 9.95 being in summary bills as approved above.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway. Secy.

See note on next page.

1877

April 11th At a Special Meeting held after the close of the Regular Meeting this evening,

Present -

Chairman & Messrs Wellington & Hathaway,

it was Voted

Daily opening: When to take effect: That the arrangement for the daily opening of the Library go into effect on Monday April 16th and that notice of the change be given in the "Gazette" of the current week.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway, Secy.

1877
May 9

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Present- Chairman - Messrs Davis - Aldrich - Williams - Lancaster - Hathaway & Hill -

The records of the last meeting were read and approved -

Bills approved

Bills approved as follows.

A. A. B. Thompson	22.83
John Scivens	7.50
N. H. Tucker	8.00
Geo. B. Sargent	2.25.

Librarian to report disorder in rooms

Reports of disorder in the Library Rooms coming to the notice of the Board the Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Librarian to Arts 11 & 13 of the Library Rules and request her to report to the Board any violations of said rules.

Library Funds.

The Chairman was authorized to prepare such papers as may be necessary to place the Treasurer in possession of the funds of the Library now in the Hyde Park Savings Bank

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway
Secy.

1877

June 13th. Regular Meeting of the Library Board

Present the Chairman, Messrs Williams, Lancaster, Hill, and Hathaway.

The Records of the May meeting were read and approved.

Monthly Report & Action thereon. The Report of the Librarian was received and placed on file.

Two matters in report required action on the part of the Board.

In regard to the first — the request of two patrons of the Library for leave to take "The complete Phonographer" by Munson (Reference Book) from the Library. Upon it was

Voted

That "The Complete Phonographer" by Munson, be placed among the books for general circulation.

In regard to the second — setting forth the need of a Classical Dictionary for the Library it was

Voted —

Comm. on New Books That the Chair, together with Messrs Davis and Hill, be appointed a Committee to prepare a list of such books as they deem advisable for the Board to purchase and present the same at the next meeting.

Book Presented

A copy of "The Students' Manual of English History" by our fellow member E. M. Lancaster Esq was presented by him to the Library and it was voted

That the Board accepts the same with thanks.

Comm on Shelf Catalogue

The Chairman & Mr. Williams were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of preparing a shelf catalogue with full powers.

Re-binding

The Chairman was authorized to arrange with Lockwood Books & Co for the rebinding of books mentioned in the Librarians' Report as needing it.

Bills

Bills were presented and approved as follows.

A. W. Wright	Rent of Rooms to June 1st	77.50
Lockwood Books & Co	Postage	.80
H. A. B. Thompson	Librarian	29.16
Norfolk Co. Gazette	Adv. & Slips	8.50
John Scivens	Janitor	8.00
Mary A. Hawley		2.50
F. Leypoldt	"Publishers Weekly"	3.20
Treasurers Bill	for Sundries	5.40

A. A. Hawley 2.00. Stamps 25. Hack Fare 25 Repairing Stamps 2.15

Express 65¢ (Approved March)

Fines

Recd for Library Fines April 3.70 May 4.43

Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway, Secy.

1877

July 11th Regular Meeting of the Library Board

Present the Chairman - Messrs Aldrich & Hathaway.

The records of the June Meeting were read and approved.

Report of Comm. on New Books.

The Committee on New Books made a Report through its Chairman presenting a list of books recommended by Mr. F. B. Perkins of the Boston Pub Library the entire list amounting to about $200 short prices.

Referred back.

On account of the small representation of the Board present and the need of immediate action in the matter the report together with the list presented was referred back to the same Committee with full power to act thereon.

Monthly Report

The Report of the Librarian for the month of June was received and as it contained suggestions for action on the part of the Board the Report was laid on the table.

Bills

Bills were presented and approved as follows

Willcutt & Foster	30¢	A. S. Haven	32¢
Linwood & Brooks	60¢	Sanford & Runnells	10.54
"	1.95	E. C. Aldrich	1.10
John Scivens	8.00	H. A. B. Thompson	29.16
E. S. Hathaway	1.50	" Extra hours	5.90
		A. A. Hawley	1.00
		Total	60.57

(The extra hours on Mrs Thompsons bill were charged in accordance with instructions given by the Board to its

sub committee on preparing a shelf catalogue at the rate of 20¢ per hour as agreed by them.)

Fines — Amount received for fines $3.90.

Adjourned.

E. S. Hathaway Secy.

1877 Regular Meeting of the Library Board
Aug 8 Wednesday Evening, August 8th.

Present the Chairman, Mess Aldrich and Hathaway.

The Records of the July meeting were read and approved.

Monthly Report — The Report of the Librarian for the month of July was received and placed on file.

New Books — The Committee on the purchase of New Books reported that they had attended to their duties and purchased books to the amount of $110.76 (3.68 ℔)

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee.

Curtain — Voted to authorize the purchase of a curtain for the west window of the Library Room. (left with the Librarian)

Bills were approved as follows

Bills — H. A. B. Thompson 29.16 - Extra 8.50
" " Givens 8.00 Loaned Books 54.49

Treasurers Bill for Expens 15[d]
M. A. Hawley 1.00 1.15

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the
Book Bill Bill of Lockwood Brooks & Co for $110.76 (3.68 11)
to be when the same shall have been approved
paid. by the Chairman.

Received of Librarian for Fines 4.21
Sale of Paper .15
4.36

Adjourned
E. S. Hathaway, Secretary.

1877
Sept 12 Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Present the Chairman, and Messrs Aldrich and Lancaster.

E. M. Lancaster was elected secretary pro tem.

Secy pro tem The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report The report of the Librarian for the month of August was received and placed on file.

The following bills were presented and

Bills allowed viz.

Mr A. B. Thurston	Librarian	29.16
"	2½ Extra hours	4.25
John Scrivens	Janitor	8.00
Ward & Day	Stationery	2.70
Mary A. Hawley	Asst. Librarian	1.00
	Work on Curtain	25 1.25
E. S. Hathaway	Stamps & P. Cards	1.50
J. L. Chamberlain		1.00

Notification Voted - That notifications be sent by the
of Librarian to parties owing fines for overdue
fine books.

I. d. That 500 blanks be printed for the
above notification.

Voted - That the Librarian be excused from
duty next Monday (Monument Dedicat'n) and
that the Board furnish a substitute.

Voted - To purchase a book entitled - "The
New Books Question of Rest for Women" - by Mary Putnam
Jacobi, M. D.

Fines Received of the Librarian for Fines for the
month of August $5.01

Adjourned.

E. M. Lancaster, Secy pro-tem.
by E. S. H.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 10th, 1877.

Present the Chairman, & Miss Williams, Aldrich, Lancaster, & Hathaway.

The records of the September Meeting were read and approved.

Report — The Monthly Report of the Librarian for September was received and placed on file.

Bills — The following bills were presented and approved by the Board. viz

Mrs Thompson	(Salary 29.16 – 10 hours extra 2.00)		$31.16
Mary A Hawley	2 days	(Sept 17)	2.00
John Scrivens	Janitor	This bill included in Nov. Bills	8.00
Norfolk Co. Gazette	Book Covers		4.00
Lockwood Brooks & Co	(Books)		$6.05

Fines — Received for fines for September $3.73

New Books — The following Books were ordered to be purchased.

Motleys "United Netherlands" (Balance of Set)	F. H. Hamblin
Higginsons "Early Explorers"	on application of W. B. Hickory
Johnsons "China"	Rev. F. C. Williams

S. H. Nott — The Secretary was instructed to send Two Dollars to Mrs. Nott in claim of Gordon N. Nott of overpayment by him to the Library Fund.

Adjourned.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board,

Wednesday Evening, November [illegible], 1[illegible]

Present Messrs Weld, Lancaster, Williams, Hill, Wellington & Aldrich.

Secy pro tem. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr Hill was chosen Secy pro. tem.

The Records of the October meeting were read and approved

Voted -

Time of Board Meetings That the time of Board Meetings be changed from the second Wednesday to the second Thursday of each month.

A communication from Mr. Foster former Librarian in regard to the matter of cataloguing was received and laid on the table.

Voted to repair the Library Stamps.

Report The Report of the Librarian for October was received and placed on file.

Bills approved as follows.

Bills

John Scrivens	15.50	15.50
Norfolk Co. Gazette		8.75
Mary A. Hawley		1.00
W[illegible] Thompson	29.16 Extra 1490	34.06
Geo B. Sargent Stamps		1.25
S. B. Balkam Coal		5.50

Fines Received for fines in October [illegible]

Books ordered to be purchased.

New Books

A Nile Journey by F. G. Appleton
Over the Ocean " Curtis Guild
Avis " Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Adjourned

Hamilton A. Hill Secretary
by E.S.H.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 13/77.

Present the Chairman, Messrs. Davis, Wellington, Lancaster, Hathaway.

The Records of the November meeting were read and approved.

Report

The Report of the Librarian for the month of November was received and placed on file.

Fine: Miss Richardson

The Librarian presented to the Board the request of Miss Nettie Richardson for remission of fine incurred by her on book taken out August 1st and returned Oct. 25th. There being no sufficient reason in the opinion of the Board why such request should be made it was considered inexpedient to remit the fine and the Secy was instructed to inform Miss Richardson of the action of the Board.

Fine Mr. Coffin

In the matter of F. W. Coffin where a fine was incurred and not paid, and in the case of Mrs. Coffin where a fine was paid and the additional expense of a special messenger not paid, the Secy was instructed to inform both parties that until all dues on each card are paid the party holding the card will be debarred the use of the Library.

Notices

Voted - to order the printing of 100 Postal Card notices of fine incurred. (Left with the Librarian)

½ of fine collected to go to Messenger

Voted - That the Janitor be allowed one half of the charge made for the collection of fines by messenger.

Charge for sending for Book

Voted that where it becomes necessary to send for a book a charge of ten cents be made to go to the Janitor.

Comm. on Desks &c.

Voted - that the matter of the table, settees and desk alluded to in the Librarians Report be left with the Chairman with power.

New Books

Voted - to purchase the following books -
"Kismet" (No Name Series.)
"Life of J. Edwards - Naturalist" (C. M. M. Willyts)
"Wolf at the Door" (No Name series)
Nos 5 & 6 "Dicks Readings"
"Being a Boy".

Change of time of Library Report

The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Selectmen in regard to placing an article in the warrant for the next Town Meeting to provide for changing the time of making the Library Report so that it shall be printed with the reports of the other town officers instead of at the Appropriation meeting as at present.

Dog Tax 1876

Also to procure the insertion of an article in the warrant to provide for the disposition of the Dog Tax for 1876.

Voted - to suspend the Fourteenth Rule.

Annual Examination

Voted - That the Library be closed after the 29th of December for the Annual Examination.

Bills

Bills were presented and approved as follows.

John Scivens	putting in coal .50 Janitor 12.00		12.50
Lockwood Brooks & Co			18.46
Geo. B. Sargent	Repairing Stamp		1.00
H. A. B. Thompson	Salary 78 extra hours 20¢	29.16 15.70	44.86
S. B. Balkam	1 Ton coal		5.50
M. A. Hawley			1.00
Express			.30
			83.62

Periodicals

Voted, to adopt the following list of Magazines and Periodicals to be placed in the Reading Room

Scribner's Monthly	- Harpers Weekly
Harpers' Monthly	- N.Y. Semi Weekly Tribune
Atlantic Monthly	- Scientific American
St. Nicholas	- Boston Transcript
Youth's Companion	- Boston Evening Journal
Barnes' Magazine of American History	

The Secretary was instructed to subscribe in behalf of the Trustees for the above Magazines & Periodicals.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway. Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening. Jany 15th 1878.

Present the Chairman & Messrs Williams & Hathaway.

The Records of the December meeting were read and approved.

Fines — The Secy reported that he had notified the parties reported delinquent in the matter of fines that until all dues were paid they would be suspended from using the Library.

Change of time of Report — That in the matter of the change of time of making the Annual Report an article had been inserted in the Warrant for the last Town Meeting and the Town had voted to make the change as desired.

(Communication from Town Clerk giving vote of the Town in the matter on file)

Dog Tax 1876 — That in the matter of the Dog Tax for 1876 the Town had voted to appropriate the same to the "Library Fund" and he had received the same from the Town Treasurer amounting to $542.69

Re-binding — Voted. That the Chairman be empowered to attend such repairing and rebinding of books as may be necessary.

Report — The Report of the Librarian for the month of December was received and placed on file. Fines recd $3.65

Fines — Received on old fines $1.18

Bill — Bills were presented and approved of as follows

Mrs Thompson	Salary 29.16 Extra 10.40	39.56
Lockwood Brooks & Co		4.35
Mary A Hawley		4.00
S. B. Balkam		5.50
Sanford & Runnells		17.94
Noyes Snow & Co	Yearly Subscription Periodicals	45.61
	Back Numbers	1.28
Post Office Box	1 year (to 79)	1.00
Norfolk Co Gazette	(Printing)	5.75
John Scrivens	Janitor	13.10
Treasurers Bill	(Brooks Lockwood Bro & Co)	112.63

$36 Mrs Thompson — Voted to reimburse Mrs Thompson for money paid M. A. Hawley as assistant while Shelf Catalogue was in preparation 36.00

Voted to subscribe for the American Library Journal $5.00

The Secretary reported that he had contracted with Messrs Noyes Snow & Co to furnish the periodicals voted at the last meeting they offering the lowest rates.

Supplies — Voted that the Secretary be instructed to purchase such Library supplies as may be needed.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway. Secy.

Library to reopen on Wednesday Jany 16th.

Special Meeting

Saturday Evening, Jany 26th 1878.

A Special Meeting of the Libary Board was held this evening.

Present the Chairman, Messrs Williams Davis, Aldrich, Hathaway.

Bills — Bills were presented and approved as follows.

Mrs. Thompson	Salary to Feb 1st & Extra	41.11
A. W. Wright	Rent to Feby 1st	206.67
Norfolk Co Gazette	Ad, & Printing Slip	4.00
Sanford & Runnells		2.20
Ward & Day	Paper &c	26.33
H. C. Bird	Desk	14.00
Lockwood Brooks & Co		33.30
Quincy Dyer		1.42
Express		.50
John Scivens (to Feby 1)		14.00
M. A. Hawley		1.50

Magazines — Voted to add the Popular Science Monthly & Supplement to the list of Periodicals for the year.

Annual Report — The Chairman presented a draft of the Annual Report. Refered to the Chairman with Messrs. Williams & Davis.

Messrs Hill & Aldrich were appointed

a sub-committee to consider the advisa-
Lib. Funds bility of making a change in the invest-
ment of the Libary Fund and report at
the next Board Meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase
Clock a clock for the Libary Room and the
Chairman was authorized to approve the
bill for the same not exceeding $4.83

Adjourned
E. S. Hathaway, Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Libary Board
Thursday Evening, Feby 14th 78

Present Messrs Weld, Williams, Davis,
Hill, Wellington, Aldrich, Lancaster, Hathaway

The Records of the regular January meeting
and the Special Meeting of Janiy 25th were
read and approved.

Bills were presented and approved as
Bills follows- E. C. Aldrich (Dues) 1.50
Adams Express .60
T. P. Swift Carpenter work 1.10

The Sub Committee on the Annual Report

reported a draft of the same, complete
Annual except in the matter of estimates for the
Report coming year. Their report was accepted
and and the Report was referred to
the Chairman and Secretary for completion

Mr. Hathaway was added to the
Funds Committee on Investment of Funds.

The Treasurer presented his state-
ment of the Library Fund, as follows:

Dr.

Treas's	To Balance from old a/c	3255	14	
Report	" Cash recd from Fines	57	32	
	" " " Interest	154	05	
	" " " U.S. Bunton Treas			
	Dog Tax for 1876	542	69	
	" Cash recd from U.S. Bunton Treas			
	on a/c of Purchase of Books	112	63	4121 83

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By Cash	Purchase of Books	112	63	
" "	Magazine Subscriptions	11	40	
" "	on a/c of L. H. Nott	2	00	
		126	03	
	By Cash Balance	3995	80	4121 83

To this was appended the Auditors'
Certificate, as follows.

Hyde Park, February 2d, 1878.

We have this day examined the Accounts of E. S. Hathaway Treasurer of the Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library and find the same correctly kept and the payments accompanied by proper vouchers.

B. C. Vose.
Signed Hwd M. Hamblin } Auditors of the Town of Hyde Park.
D W. C. Rogers

The Report was accepted.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway Secy.

Note - Town Year closed Jany 31st

Appropriation for Public Library for year	$1275-
Expended	1274.67
Bal unexpended	.33

See Town Report for 1877.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening, March 14th, 1878.

Present Mrs. Wild, Cobb, Aldrich
Lancaster, Hathaway.

Voted to proceed to the election of Chairman & Secy & Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Ballot resulted in the choice of Theodore D. Wild Chairman.
E. S. Hathaway Secy & Treasurer.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Annual Report reported that they had completed the Report and the same could be found in connection with those of the other departments in the Annual Town Report.

The Committee on Investment of Funds made a partial report and were continued.

On motion of Mr. Cobb it was
Voted. That the Treasurer be instructed and is hereby authorized to draw a part or the whole of the funds of this Board now in the Hyde Park Savings Bank, and invest the same in

scrip of the Town of Hyde Park. If the whole sum can be so changed by simply exchanging paper in favor of the Town to the favor of this Board, then the whole sum shall be so exchanged; but if the Bank must pay the money directly from its funds then the Treasurer shall draw out and reinvest as above such sum in part or in whole, as he may deem best for all concerned.

Mr. Aldrich of the Investment Committee was chosen to work with the Treasurer in carrying out the above vote.

The Report of the Librarian for Jany & Feby was presented and placed on file.

Voted that children of school age be restricted to the drawing of only two books a week, from the Library

Bill of J. B. Balkam
2 tons Coal @ $6 $12 — was approved

The question of the purchase of several new books came up but in the present condition of the fund it was deemed inexpedient to take action thereon.

Recd for fines Jany $.49 Feby 2.26.

Adjourned

L. J. Hudson, Secy

Special Meeting

Saturday, March 15th 1878.

At a special meeting of the Library Board held at the rooms this evening,

(Present Mrs Wild, Cobb, Aldrich Williams, Lancaster & Hathaway)

the Treasurer was instructed to give to the Hyde Park Savings Bank, the sixty days notice of intention to withdraw funds required by them from this date.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway Sec'y

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening, April 7th 1898

Present— the Chairman— & Mesrs Cobb, Aldrich, Williams & Hathaway.

The Reconds of the Regular March meeting and the Special Meeting of March 15th were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that he had given the 60 days notice of intention to withdraw funds to the Treasurer of the Savings Bank in accordance with the instructions of the Board.

The Report of the Librarian for the month of March was received and placed on file.

Voted That the Librarian be requested to notify the party mentioned in her Report as being caught in the act of defacing Library property to meet the Board of Trustees at their next meeting and that said party be suspended from the privileges of the Library until he complies with the notice.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a notice setting forth the law in the matter of destroying or [illegible]

Library property and cause the same to be printed in the Norfolk County Gazette.

Bills were approved as follows

S. B. Balkam	Coal	6.00
S. R. Moseley	Printing	15.50
Mrs H. A. B. Thompson	58.32	
"	Extra 14.60	72.92
Mary A. Hawley		1.00
J. Scrivens		25.50

The bills of the Librarian and Janitor were for the months of Feb & March.

Received for fines 3.50

Adjourned

E. L. Hathaway Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

Thursday Evening May 16/78

Present the Chairman & Messrs Williams & Hathaway. The Board adjourned to meet later in the evening, in order to attend a meeting of Savings Bank Depositors to hear a propositeni of the Board of Investment of the Bank in regard to waiving the 60 days notice given March 15th of intentioni to withdraw funds.

After hearing the propositeni on the part of the Bank it was unanimously ... (Weld - Williams - Hobb, Hathaway.)

Voted - "That the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the H.P. Public Library be directed to accede to the propositeni of the Board of Investment of the Hyde Park Savings Bank in regard to the waiving of the 60 days notice of intentioni to withdraw its funds on deposit in said Bank." (The effect of this vote being that the Library Board waives its right acquired by 60 days notice to draw its funds and accepts a payment of 10% of the amount on deposit in the Bank.)

Bills were presented and approved as follows W. A. Hawley $1.

H. A. B. Thompson 40.76

Miss Reid 4.30

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway Sec

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening June 13/98

Present Messrs Nold, Williams and Wellington.

Mr. Williams was elected Secretary pro-tem.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The suggestion of the Treasurer that the investment of the ten per cent received from the H. P. Savings Bank be referred to the Finance Committee and also in regard to the withdrawal of more funds from the Bank was received, and it was voted:

To refer the whole subject to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Reports of the Librarian for the months of April and May were received, read and placed on file.

The subject of the Library Association was referred to the Chairman to report at the next meeting

Bills were approved as follows.

Mrs H. L. B. Thompson	37.56
Mary A. Hawley	1.00

Bill of Lockwood Brooks Co for $3.03 was referred to the Chairman.

John Scrivens to June 3d $20 -

Voted to purchase a "Dimond" Stamp for the use of the Library.

Books ordered to be purchased -

Bits of Home Travel by H. H.
Walks in London " Hare.
Chips from Many Block E. Burritt
Artists Biographies Diana (Warner)
Peoples People. Dons Housekeeping
Window Gardening. Vasco de Gama
Beautiful Homes Poems of Places
Miss Cushman Gemini
Biblical & Theological Literature Vol 7 & 8
Too Rich.

Adjourned
F. E. Williams
Secy pro tem
by E. S. H.

Fines for May 5.21

Regular Meeting of the Libary Board

Thursday Evening July 11/78

Present the Chairman, & Messrs Aldrich Cobb & Hathaway.

The Records of the June meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported on the matter of the "Libary Association" and it was voted

"That the Hyde Park Public Libary become a member of the Association"

The Chairman was instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry the above vote into effect.

A communication was received from the publishers of the Libary Journal setting forth the financial burdens under which the Journal was embarassed and hinting that a new subscription would be acceptable

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to investigate the matter and do as in his judgment seems best.

The Report of the Librarian was received, read and placed on file.

Voted that the job of rebinding volumes be given to J. D. F. Brooks of Hustonville.

The Finance Committee made a report to the Board and the Treasurer was instructed to invest the uninvested funds of the Board in 4½% Government Bonds.

Bills were presented and approved as follows.

J. D. F. Brooks	Binding		.80
J. Scivens	June 3 to July 1		8.00
Mary A. Hawley			1.00
Mrs H A. B. Thompson		29.16 4.80	$33.96
A. W. Wright	Feby 1 to June 1	Rent	103.33
H. C. Dunmd	Stamp		10.00
Norfolk Co Gazette			3.75
Lockwood Brooks & Co			3.03

Recd for fines for June 3.73

Voted that the Librarian be allowed leave of absence for two weeks said time to be taken as suits her convenience.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway.
Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Libary Board.

Thursday Evening, Aug 8/78.

Present the Chairman & Mesrs Aldrich, Hill & Hathaway.

The Records of the July meeting were read and approved.

The Repert of the Librarian for the month of July was recd, read and placed on file.

Voted To buy another "Diamond" Stamp for the Libary.

Voted To pay $2 Two Dollars to the American Libary Associatini for Libary Journal for balance of the year.

Received on volume from the Nicholson File Co. "Tacatini on Files". Receipted and vote of thanks passed.

Bills Approved.

Mrs. H. A. B. Thompson	29.16
J. Scrivens to July 28	8.00
J. D. F. Brooks (Binding)	20.05
E. S. Hathaway (Cash paid)	3.45
M. A. Hawley (4 days)	4.00
Membership fee (Am. Lib Assn.)	2.00
	66.66

Received for fines $4.85 - Old Paper 25¢

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway, Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.

Thursday Evening, Sept 12/18

Present the Chairman & Messrs Lancaster Aldrich & Hathaway.

The Records of the August meeting were read and approved.

Voted - "That the Treasurer be instructed to withdraw whatever funds he may be able to get from the Savings Bank and invest the same in Government Bonds." Librarians Report for August read & placed on file

Bills were presented and approved as follows -

Fitts & Ryan	1.20	.85	2.05
M. A. Hawley			3.00
H. A. B. Thompson			29.16
J. Cavins			8.00
H. C. Dimmick	Stamps		8.00
Ward & Say	Rubber Rings		1.25
			51.46

Recd for fines $4.55

Voted that the next Regular Meeting be held on the second Tuesday of October and that the question of a change of evening for the Monthly Meetings be brought up at that meeting.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

Tuesday Evening, Oct 8/71.

Present the Chairman & Messrs Aldrich Cobb, Hill, Williams & Haithaway.

The Records of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that he had withdrawn Three hundred and thirty-five 60/100 Dollars ($335.60) and invested Three hundred Dollars in 4½ % Government Bonds.

The Librarians Report for September was read and placed on file. Books given out during the month 1508 - returned 1489. New cards issued 14. Rec'd for fines $5.05. Also received in sealed envelope with no explanations $1.25. (Envelope bears address of Ritchie & Fay Boston)

Voted - That the time of holding the meetings of the Board be changed from the second Thursday Evening to the second Tuesday Evening of the month.

The Secretary was instructed to have the glass in the Library door reset.

The Janitor was authorized to order two feet of Stoke.

Bills were presented and approved as

follows. H. A. B. Thompson 29.16
M. A. Hawley 4.00
Scrivens Aug 24 to Sep 28 10.00
L. Adler Bal 25
Norfolk Co Gazette 7.50
Sanford & Runnells 14.00 64.91

Adjourned
E. S. Hathaway Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Libary Board
Tuesday Evening Nov. 13/88

Present the Chairman and Mssrs Cobb & Hathaway.

The Records of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Repnt of the Librarian was read and placed on file. Books given out (Oct) 1767 - Returned 1750 - New Cards 24 Fines collected $5.23 Five volumes of State Documents received.

Bills Approved. Jones Robinson & Co (Wood) 2.00
M. A. Hawley 4.00
H A B Thompson 29.16
G. W. Noyes (glass) 5.00
J. Scrivens 9.83
A. N. Wright (Rent & Mus) 129.16

Adjourned
E. S. Hathaway Secy.

Tuesday Evening
Dec 10th 1878

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called for this evening. No quorum being present no business was transacted beyond the approval of routine bills by the Chairman.

E. S. Hathaway Secy

Bills Approved

Special Meeting of the Library Board

Tuesday Evening Dec 17th 78

Present Messrs Weld, Aldrich, Cobb & Hathaway & Lancaster

The Records of the November meeting were read and approved.

Voted - To instruct the Treasurer to withdraw from the Hyde Park Savings Bank the ten per. cent now payable and invest the same in 4½ % Government Bnds.

Voted - that the Library be closed for the Annual Examination on the 28th inst.

Voted to subscribe for the following list of Periodicals for 1879

Scribner's Monthly.
Harpers " .
Atlantic " .
Magazine of Am. History
St. Nicholas
Harpers Weekly
Scientific American.
N. Y. Semi-Weekly Tribune.
Youths' Companion.
Popular Science Monthly
Amer. Libr. Journal
Littells Living Age.
Wide Awake
Boston Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript.

The Secretary was instructed to carry out the above vote.

Voted That Book No. 181-3 "The Plains of the Great West and their Inhabitants" together with Whittier's Poems No be withdrawn from general circulation and placed among Restricted Books.

Voted - That the thanks of the Board be tendered Mr. Sylvanus Cobb Jr of the Board for the new lock gratuitously furnished by him for the door of the Trustees Room.

Received from the Librarian $4.71 for fines collected in November; the whole amount collected being $5.89 but $1.18 having been abstracted from the money drawer by some person unknown.

Adjourned

C. S. Hathaway Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

Tuesday Evening Jany 14th 19

Present Messrs Weld, Aldrich & Hathaway

The Records of the December Meetings were read and approved.

The Report of the Librarian for December was read and placed on file. Number of books given out 1337. Number returned 1767 New cards issued 18. Fines received $6.99

The annual examination of the Library has made during the month the Library being closed Dec 31st & re-opened Jany 13th But one book has been lost to the Library during the year and that a book of small value Two others were missing but for one the Library has received the price and the second has been replaced by a new volume.

Messrs Macullar Williams & Parker presented the Library with a copy of Kings Hand Book of Boston. Accepted and the customary acknowledgement made.

The Secretary reported that he had subscribed for the list of magazines voted at the last meeting and presented the bill of Nones Snow & Co (National Subscription Agency) for $63.81 for the same which was approved.

In regard to the investment of the

funds drawn from the Hyde Park Savings Bank the Treasurer reported that on account of the price of 4½% Government Bonds as compared with 4% he had not made the investment of funds but would like to bring the matter again before the Board.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to invest said funds in 4½% or 4% Govt Bonds as he may deem best.

Bills were presented and approved as follows.

H. L. B. Thompson		29.16
P. O. Box to Jany 1st 80		1.00
John [illegible] ens to Dec 18		12.00
" putting in Cist		1.00
Mary L Hawley		1.00
Jones Robinson & Co	6.50 6.50	13.00
Sanford & Runnells		7.40
C. S. H. Treas Expenses		.15
		64.71

Adjourned
E. J. Hathaway
Secy.

A Special meeting of the Board was held Tuesday Evening January 28th for the approval of current bills. Bills were presented and approved as follows.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board
Tuesday Evening, Feby 11, 1879.

The Library Board met at the Library Room pursuant to notice. Present ... [illegible]

In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Lancaster was elected Secretary pro tem.

The report of the Librarian for the month of January was read and ordered on file. Number of books given out 1094 returned 666. New cards issued ... Amount of fines see ... Minute Book.)

The Annual report of the Board was read by the Chairman and ordered to be printed and accepted by the Board.

The Annual report of the Treasurer was received and accepted. (See next page)

Ordered that the Secretary be instructed to put a padlock on the coal shed.

Ordered to adjourn.

S. F. L. Lancaster Sec pro tem

Treasurer's Report,

for year ending [illegible] 18[illegible].

Cr. Railway Treasurer in [illegible] with [illegible] Public [illegible]

Dr.

To Balance from Acct [illegible]	3995	80		
" Cash received from Shares &c	[illegible]	1[illegible]		
" Interest on Invested Funds	14[illegible]	04		
Total			[illegible]	

Cr.

By Subscriptions, Vouchers &c		68	61	
" U. S. Bonds purchased	118[illegible]		45	
" Expenses			00	
Total	1[illegible]8		70	
" Cash Balance	2[illegible]1		87	4[illegible] 63

Statement of Library Fund

Total amount of Fund [illegible] 3[illegible]

Invested in

Savings Bank	28[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
U. S. Bonds			
4½ % Bonds	[illegible]00		
4% "	3[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]2	[illegible]	11[illegible] 45
Cash on hand			0[illegible] 0
			3[illegible] 45

Regular Meeting of the Library Board
Tuesday Evening March 11th 1879.

Present Messrs Weld, Aldrich, Lancaster, Hayes
Hill, Hathaway.

Records of January & February meetings
were read and approved

This being the Annual Meeting the
Board organized for the year by the
choice of Theodore D. Weld Chairman.
and Edward S. Hathaway Secy & Treas

The Report of the Librarian for February
was received and placed on file.
Number of Books given out 1764. Number returned
1711. New Cards issued 32. Amount
received from fines January 94¢ February $1.37

Bills presented and approved as follows

H. A. B. Thompson	29.16	
Norfolk County Gazette	7.50	
Jones Robinson & Co	13.00	49.66

Received of Andrew Dykes a volume
entitled "Irish wit and Humor". Accepted and
the customary vote of thanks passed.

Adjourned

E. S. Hathaway
Secy

Regular Meeting of the Board of
Tuesday Evening, March 8th 1955.

Present: Mrs. Wild Mayer, and Statham.

The Records of the March meeting were
read and approved.

The Report of the Librarian for the month
of March was read and placed on file.
The circulation during the month
1954 number returned 1954. Books out
issued 28. Total for year $2.94
The Librarian reported the receipt
of the Annual for 1954 a gift from the
Lieutenant. Accepted and the
thanks of the Board passed.
Voted to cause such books as may
need it to be rebound; the Librarian
to do the quite a large number
in need of the same.

A communication was received from
the Chairman the High School Committee
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Regular Meeting of the Library
Tuesday Evening May 13.

Present Messrs. Hall, Hayes, Hill and Mathews. Lancaster

The Records of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Librarian for April was read and ordered on file. Number of Books given out 137. Number of Books returned 136. New Cards 35. Fines received $4.77

Voted That the Library be closed on Evacuation Day.

On motion of Mr. Lancaster it was Voted that the Library be closed to the Public on Wednesdays during the months of June, July, and August.

Received from Rev. Henry Giles a gift to the Library "Lewis Magazine" and the "Western". Accepted and the Secretary vote of thanks passed.

Voted to purchase the following list of Books viz. "Dickens Dictionary" "Vicar" — "Bourbon Lilies" — "Beautiful Homes" " " " "Green Pastures & Piccadilly" — "Nabob" "Path" — "Sterls Series (Scientific) 6 Vols" "Two Pride Snake" Vol 5 — "Scribner" Vol 14 "Harpers" Vols 54 & 61 — "Century" Vol 39 & 40 " " " " " & " "Bracuyo" "Yacht Voyage" "Last Cruise"

Bills were allowed as follows

H. A. & B. Thompson	27.15
G. Lorimer to May 2d	8.00
Jones Robinson & Co	3.00

Adjourned

E. L. Hathaway

Regular Meeting of the Library Board.
Tuesday Evening, June 6 1899

Present Messrs Wild, Hayes, Hathaway.

The Records of the May Meeting were read and approved.

Ord That the hour of meeting be changed to eight o'clock.

The Report of the Librarian for the month of May was received and placed on file. Number of books given out 1050. Number of books returned 1448. New cards issued 6. Fines received 6.25. The Librarian reported the receipt of a copy of the Hyde Park Business Register as a gift to the Prescott Library. Accepted and the thanks of the Board presented to the donor.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a check for $5. as a gift to the Library to be expended at the discretion of the Board.

Regular Meeting of Library Trustees

Present Miles Wild. Hayes. Hurd Bell & Hill.

Mr. Hill was chosen Secretary for the

The report of the Librarian for the month

was received and placed on file.

Number of books given out 1038 Number of visitors

130. Cards issued 2. Fines received

$5.67.

A communication was received from the Officers

of the Retirement of the Hyde Park Savings

Bank, of which the following is a copy.

Hyde Park Savings Bank

Hyde Park Mass June 2, 1898

Board of Trustees

Hyde Park Public Library.

Gentlemen.

With regret for

their unanimity the undersigned pursuant

to your resolution the following statement

of fact.

While the Bank has not suffered

as in any form since its organization

it is in common with other corporations

general depreciation in all kinds of

its earnings being divided between

and

real Estate

of the

[illegible] sufficient to cover the deficiency thus occasioned, or leaving the Bank placed in the hands of receivers.

A reduction equal to 12½ per cent of amount of deposits held by the Bank in 1818 (when it was put under the "law" will place it upon a sound financial basis at once, in position to resume dividends and transact its regular business.

Should the proposed reduction fail however and the affairs of the Bank be settled by receivers its securities would be realized upon an unprecedented low field, and [illegible] of the assets in other similar institutions would be from 30 to 50 per cent instead of 12½.

Under these circumstances there would seem to be no room for difference of opinion as to which is the wise course, and the directors, Board of Investment, and trustees are unanimous in believing it their duty as the guardians of your interests to recommend the assessment named.

Signed Isaac J. Brown President.

[illegible] Treasurer.

[illegible] Board of [illegible]

[illegible] appointed a Committee to consider what course of action is best for the Board to take in the matter and report at an adjourned meeting one week from to night.
The Chairman was authorized to draw the 10th warrant.

The following list of books was approved and ordered to be purchased.

1 Saxe Holm's Stories 2d Series.
2 Prehistoric Races of the United States by John W. Foster.
1 Robert Dick, Baker of Thurso, Geologist & Botanist. By Samuel Smiles.
1 Walks in London, by Augustus J. C. Hare.

Bills were presented and allowed as follows.

W. L. B. Thompson	29.16
F. Scivens (to June 30)	8.00
Mary A. Hawley	2.00
W. H. Russell	6.00
Hayes Lumber Co	1.48
"	2.38

Adjourned to Tuesday Evening July 1

H. A. Hill
Sec'y

Special Meeting of the Liberty Road.
Tuesday Evening 15th Jan 1878.

Present Messrs Hill - Deitrick - Mattingly
Mr. Hayes was chosen Secy pro. tem.
The Records of the last meeting were read.

Mr Hill on of the committee appointed at last meeting to obtain information in relation to the power of the Roads to act upon the proposition from the officers of the Farmers Bank stated that the other members of the Committee (Mr Hill) not being present he did not wish to act alone in the matter, but moved that this proposition be accepted provided Mr. Hill shall refuse to act in the same.
Voted to accept the proposition on these conditions.
There being no other business the meeting adjourned.
C. C. Hayes Secy pro tem

Regular Meeting of the Library Committee held January 3rd 1900.

Present Messrs Reid (C) Edwards Ross & Latimer.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Reid of the Committee in regard to re-binding. Explained in the Style that various and requested a communication from Mr. Hill as to the possibility of a reduction which was placed on file and referred to the Secretary.

Moved that the Secretary be authorized to notify the Trustees of the Library Fund that the Board accedes to the application [illegible] July 5th.

The Report of the Librarian for the month was received read and filed as follows. Issues for the month 1132. New Cards issued 19. Received in fines $3.79.

The Librarian reported that he had received the 10% dividend of $ on $ and made an additional investment of $300 in U.S. 4% Bonds.

Moved that the Librarian be granted leave of absence for two weeks on sick pay as usual and his expenses.

Moved that the Board of Trustees meet on Wednesday evening at the rooms of the Board to [illegible]

bills were presented and approved as follows.

Wm. H. H. Chapman	29.16	
Carriers	8.00	
Smith & Gazette	3.50	
Town Clerk	3.45	Lib Fund 3.45
"	15.95	Lib Fund 15.95
E. H. Russell	1.00	
Library Association Dividend	2.00	
	67.06	

Also

Voted 18.86 being 1 cent on dollar on the Library Fund.

Adjourned

Wm. H. Chapman Clerk

Town Meeting of the Library Board.

Tuesday Evening Sept. 9, 1919.

Present Myers Field Adams & Hayes

Dr. C. C. Hayes was chosen Secretary pro tem. The report of the Librarian for August was presented and placed on file. Books out 1264. Visitors 1182. New cards issued 23. Receipts for fines $2.62.

Bills were presented and approved as follows

Wm. H. H. Chapman 29.16

Carriers 8.00

[illegible] meeting of the [illegible] was held on the [illegible] meeting of the Board

Adjourned

[illegible] Hayes Esq [illegible]

[illegible]

Regular Meeting of the Library Board
Tuesday Evening Oct 14, 79

Meeting called for to night but no quorum being present no business was transacted beyond the approval of routine bills by the Chairman.

C. L. Hathaway Esq

Regular Meeting of the Board
Tuesday Evening Nov 11th 1879

Meeting notified but on account of the inclemency of the Evening & few to be present postponed for one week.

Tuesday Evening Nov 18th 1879

- No Quorum.

C. L. Hathaway Esq.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board
Tuesday Evening Dec 9/19

Present, Mr. Jones, Weed, Hayes, Hathaway & Hill.

The records of the last three months were read and approved.

The Librarians Reports for September, October and November were received, read, and placed on file.

Statistics for September.

Number of books given out 1340 - Number returned 1295. New cards issued 26. Received for fines $1.00

Statistics for October.

Number of books given out 1483 Number returned 1441 New cards issued 38 Received for fines $1.20

Statistics for November.

Number of books given out 1583 Number returned 1513 New cards issued 31 Received for fines $1.01

The Librarian reported the receipt of books & gift to the Library from Mrs Bidwell. Accepted and the customary vote of thanks passed.

The following bills were presented and approved

C. W. Walkam (2 @)	6.00
"	5.79
C. A. Hathaway (postage)	75
Wm Reuven	12.50
Adams Express	.85
Total	25.89

Wm. L. H. Runnells presented a request that "Sanitary Drainage of Houses + Farms" by Geo. E. Waring be added to the Library.
Voted to purchase the book.
The Secretary was instructed to order the following books for the Library.
Young Peoples' Histories by Miss C. M. Yonge
viz: Greece, Rome, Germany France + England.
The Story of the Earth + Man by J. W. Dawson
Life of Ramses Bunsen by Mrs. E. Stone.
Annals de Beringer for year ending
Locusts + Wild Honey by John Burroughs

Voted to renew the subscriptions to periodicals the same as last year with the addition of "Lippincott's Magazine" + American Art Review (which was omitted) and to add "Harpers Young People". The list stands

Harpers Monthly Mag.
Scribners " "
Atlantic Monthly
St. Nicholas
Harpers Weekly
" Young People
Scientific American
N. E. Journal of Education
Youths Companion
Popular Science Monthly
Am. Library Journal
Littell's Living Age
Pilot Miracle
Boston Daily Journal
Boston Evening Transcript.

Voted to close the Library for the Annual Examination Tuesday Dec 30th and re-open on Thursday Jan 1st.

[illegible] Adjourned
E. C. Hathaway Sec'y

Regular Meeting of Board.
Session of 13th 1881.

Board met in Library. Hayes
Harrison.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr.
Harrison was chosen Chairman pro tem.

The records of the Regular meeting
were read and approved.

The report of the Librarian for the
month of December was received, read
and placed on file.

Number of books taken out	1343
Number of books returned	1692
New cards issued	22
Received from fines	$4.86

Bills were presented and approved as
follows:

A. H. Wright rent to July 1st	129.17
A. L. Bird	25
Janitor " "	13.50
A. A. B. Thompson	29.16
W. Barham	6.00

The Secretary reported that he had
ordered the books ordered at the last
meeting with the exception of "Lewis
& Lee Continent" which could not be
purchased for the price named and they
were already in circulation. Also that
he had renewed the Magazine subscription

as directed and presented bills for the same

Hyde Park Gas & Co Coals 11.75
" Candidates 60.91
72.66

which were approved.

The Treasurer reported that the reduction of 12½% in the Deposit in the Hyde Park Savings Bank had been communicated in accordance with the vote passed at the meeting of August 12th 1879 with the following result.

Amount of Deposits in Bank June 14th 1878 the time of applying the Act Law 3501.21
12½% Reduction in same 438.27

Present amount of Cash in Bank $2086.26

The Treasurer was instructed to draw the 10% now payable from the Bank and invest the same in Government Bonds.

The Secretary presented a letter from J.C. Weld Esq Chairman of the Board of which the following is a copy:

Hyde Park January 1st 1880.
To the Hyde Park Village Board
Gentlemen,

I have resigned the Chairmanship and membership of our Village Board.

Having as it happened in the past year been absent at the monthly and other meetings I could now read I can do it no longer. It is therefore my intention

which I commit [illegible] to lay me
[illegible] do [illegible] no alternative
accept the necessity and resign.

Regarding membership in the Board
as a sacred trust I cannot retain it
unless I perform the duties which it
suggests and enjoins.

Rejoicing with you in the great
good already done by our Free Public
Library and in the assurance that
in the years to come, it will bless more
and more each generation coming after
us now I am dear friends, in all
sincerity,

Affectionately and faithfully yours,
Theodore E. Wold.

After discussion & regret on the part
of the trustees present it was
Voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Wold

The Treasurer was instructed to draw
from the Hyde Park Savings Bank now payable
and invest the same in Government bonds.

The Secretary was instructed to draw
up the Annual Report and present
the same at the February Meeting.

Adjourned to Monday Evening Feby 2nd at 7½
o'clock

E. A. Hathaway
Secy

Adjourned Meeting of the Library Board
Monday Evening July 2nd 1880.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present Messrs Lancaster, Cobb, Aldrich, Hayes, & Hathaway. Mr. Lancaster in the Chair.

The Report of the Regular January meeting was read and approved.

Bills were presented and approved as follows

Sanford & Rummells Oil &c		7.74
S. F. Balkam		6.00
H. & B. Thompson		29.16
P. Scivens	12.00 50	12.50
S. K. Moseley		1.00

Voted that Mr. Cobb on behalf of the Board prepare a suitable letter to our late Chairman Mr. Theodore D. Wild notifying him of our acceptance of his resignation and expressing the regrets of the Board that he has found it necessary to present the same.

Voted to purchase the following books.

Dickens Letters 2 vols
Across the Dark Continent
Tuckerman
Brazil - Imagen & Coast
Life of Madame Bonaparte by Didier
Communism & Socialism by Rae Woolsey

Sebastian Strome by Julian Hawthorne.
Norse Mythology
Viking Tales of the North.
Advance & Retreat by J.B. Hood Lt. G. C.S.A.
Also to subscribe to
North American Review
Harpers' Magazine & American History
Art Amateur.

Resolved -

Voted - That the Secretary be instructed to call the February Meeting for Monday Evening February 9th at 7½ o'clock.

Adjourned

E.S. Hathaway Sec'y

Voted, That the Secretary purchase such books & Stationary as may be needed in his department

E.S.H. Sec'y.

Regular Meeting of the Council
Monday Evening 6th Sept. 1880

Present Lancaster, Cobb, Aldrich
Mr. Lancaster in the Chair.
Minutes of the January meeting
read and approved.

Treasurer's Books and
Vouchers received
received and
Treasurer to
Balance in the
Treasurer's Books and
Vouchers
Balance
New Funds received
Received for
Treasurer's Books added
Balance
Balance

Mr. Cobb was appointed
Committee to confer with Mr. [illegible]
and report at the meeting
of Mr. Andrews and on accepting this
[illegible]

Adjourned

E. L. Hathaway Sec

Note

The further Records of the Board will be found in New Record Book beginning with the record of meeting held Monday Evening March 8th 1886.

E. L. H. Sec.

Mr. Cobb's Letter.

THE GAZETTE.

S. R. Moseley, Publisher and Proprietor

Saturday, February 7, 1880.

Mr. Weld and the Public Library.

The following letter is self-explanatory:—

HYDE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY,
TRUSTEES' ROOM, Feb. 2, 1880.

Theodore D. Weld:—

Dear Sir,—At the last stated meeting of our Board, a letter was received from you tendering your resignation of membership of the Board of Trustees of Hyde Park Public Library. The earnest and emphatic manner of your communication left us no alternative save that of acceptance. It was felt, however, that we could not suffer you thus to leave us, without tendering to you, in return, an expression of our feelings on the occasion. The emotion was spontaneous and unanimous, and the writer of this was directed to perform that fraternal duty.

He well remembers that evening, in the years now long agone, when the first committee appointed by the town to consider the matter of a "Free Public Library," held its first meeting at the dwelling of our late lamented fellow-townsman, Alanson Hawley; and he remembers, also, that you presented the draft of a plan of establishment, drawn by your own hand, which was adopted. And, sir, we believe we trench upon the claim of no other person when we say that, from that time to the present, you have been the prime mover and the guiding spirit in the establishment and successful conducting of the beneficent work.

Dear brother, we sorrow in this parting. The vacant chair at the head of our Board, which you have filled since our organization, is not a pleasant object of contemplation. We can easily fill it with a presiding officer; but we cannot duplicate the old familiar face, nor can we feel, ever again, that the father of our cherished institution is in his proper place,—to guide and direct.

Nevertheless, you have well rounded out the measure of your work, and you leave your post with the heartfelt satisfaction of having met every need, and performed every duty, promptly and effectively. In short, in all your relations with Hyde Park Public Library, most emphatically have you *kept the faith.*

And now, permit us, in view of this severance of official relations, to extend to you our sincere love and esteem. That God may bless you, now and evermore, is our earnest prayer.

In behalf of the Board,

SYLVANUS COBB, JR.,
Committee.

Treasurer's Report

[illegible] January 31st, 1880.

[illegible] Trust in a/c with Hyde Park Free Public Library

Dr.

To Balance on hand as	$ [illegible]
" Cash received from	48.80
" Interest on Investments	56.00
" Balance from Building Fund	25.00
Total	[illegible]

Cr.

By Books purchased	$ 41.99	
" Magazine subscriptions	60.91	
" Sealing deposits in H.P. Savings Bks.	438.27	
" Purchase of U.S. Bonds	567.63	
Total	1108.80	
" Jan 31st 80. Cash Balance	1832.57	$ 2941.37

Statement of "Library Fund."

Total amount of Fund		$ 3583.58
Invested as follows		
Cash in Savings Banks		$ 1805.77
Government Bonds 4½ %	$ 500.00	
" 4 %	500.00	
Premium on same	51.01	1751.01
Cash in hands of Treasurer		26.81
Total		$ 3583.58

Audited by A. A. Page - H. E. Macomber - Geo. R. Kent;

Theodore D. Weld
Rev. J. H. Gilbert
Rev. P. B. Davis

Rev. E. A. Manning - Resigned R. W. Hustead
E. M. Lancaster.
Hobart M. Cable

For One
Rev. W. J. Corcoran.
Mrs. Mary H. Hunt.

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March
Rev. W. J. Corcoran.
C. W. W. Wellington.
Edward L. Hathaway.

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March
E. M. Lancaster.
Lyndon H. Nott.
Rev. Francis C. Williams

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March
Theodore D. Weld.
Rev. J. H. Gilbert. Resigned on accoun
Rev. P. B. Davis.

chosen for balance of term of service May 19th. 1873.

1873 for term of Three Years.

1874 for term of Three Years.

for term of Three Years.

of removal from town Oct. 1876

Trustees of the Hyde Park Public Library continued

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March 1876 for 3 years.
C. W. Wellington
Rev M. J. Corcoran
E. C. Aldrich.

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March 1877 for 3 years
E. M. Lancaster
Francis C. Williams
Hamilton A. Hill.
To fill vacancy (D. N. Gilbert) 1 year
E. S. Hathaway.

Trustees elected at Town Meeting, March 4, 1878, for 3 y
Theodore D. Weld.
Sylvanus Cobb Jr.
E. S. Hathaway.

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March 1879 for 3 years
C. W. W. Wellington. Resigned Feby 1880
E. C. Aldrich
[illegible]

Trustees elected at Town Meeting March 1880 for 3 years
Town
Minutes
1875
E. M. Lancaster
[illegible]
and Vacancy.

1881 Hamilton A. Hill
[illegible]

1882 [illegible]

Adopted at meeting held
1874

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

FIRST—The Library shall be open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from two to half-past five o'clock, and from half-past six to nine o'clock P.M.

SECOND—Residents of Hyde Park, over twelve years of age, may use the Library upon signing a promise to obey its rules, and may take from it one book at a time; but cannot loan it out of their respective households, and no family can have more than three volumes at one time. Each applicant under sixteen years of age, must bring a certificate from his teacher, or some other responsible person known to the Trustees, that he is worthy of trust.

THIRD—Every borrower will receive a printed card bearing his name, and upon a slip accompanying this must write the shelf-mark of the volume wanted. The presentation of this card and slip is the only mode of obtaining a book.

FOURTH—Books may be kept out two weeks, and renewed for one week longer. If retained more than two weeks, without renewal, a fine of two cents a day, thereafter, will be incurred, and at the end of three weeks all books will be sent for at the borrower's cost, and until they are either returned or replaced, and all charges paid, the borrower will forfeit the use of the Library. The Trustees may, by a notice affixed to a *new* book, require its earlier return, and it cannot be renewed or retaken by any member of the same household until after the lapse of one week.

FIFTH—For the loss or injury of books the Library must be made good. If a volume lost belongs to a set, and cannot otherwise be supplied, the whole set must be replaced, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, the loser being entitled to the broken set. The assessments of the Librarian for damages may be subject to an appeal to the Trustees.

SIXTH—All books must be returned for examination every year, on or before the first Monday in February, and none will be re-issued until at least one week thereafter, and upon every book not returned at the time named a fine of fifty cents will be levied and the book sent for at the cost of the delinquent.

SEVENTH—Any person entitled to the use of the Library desiring the addition to it of any book, must give to the Librarian, for record, its full title, the name of the author, if known, and his own name. Should such book be added, it shall be reserved for the applicant one library-day.

EIGHTH—Every volume added to the Library, by gift, shall bear a label with the name of the giver and date of the gift.

NINTH—No book shall be admitted into the Library, or, being admitted, shall be allowed to remain, to which three members of the Board shall object.

TENTH—Books of reference, and all of special variety or value, can be used only at the Library, and will each be labelled "Not to be taken away."

ELEVENTH—Visitors to the Library will step lightly, keep silence, avoid smoking, and in all things deport themselves with the decorum befitting the purposes of the place.

TWELFTH—One copy of the Catalogue of the Library will be given to the head of each family in the town, upon application to the Librarian, who will also have copies for sale at a price fixed by the Trustees.